

St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Fab Friday, May 26, 2023

EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK (AND MORE)



Happy Memorial Day!

Well, here it is! The end of the school year and unofficial start to the Summer of 2023. We know this because this Sunday we will be celebrating Thomas Howard on his graduation from Deer Creek High School.

This Sunday is also the Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday. Therefore, we have planned **a beautiful procession with streamers and INCENSE for those of you** that would like to be in the know. Also, please remember that this is the last Sunday of Sunday School for the year. We will resume Sunday School in the Fall.

Just a note to those who were here on Mother's Day. John G brought his daughter with him that Sunday in celebration of the day. Upon leaving, she remarked to John that the folks of St. John's were so very welcoming and warm, genuinely happy to see her with her Dad and make her feel like part of the family. These comments are so lovely to receive that I wanted to share it with you.

For those of you remembering fallen veterans on Sunday, God bless you and your families. How appropriate that the Day of Pentecost lands on the same weekend as Memorial Day this year. **To all veterans and families, thank you for your sacrifice in order to protect our freedoms.**

The [bulletin for Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday](#), is here for your reading pleasure. Just click on the link to follow the order of service.

Have a blessed week!
Nancy

Sunday, May 28 is the Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday. Please be aware: Incense will be used during the Pentecost service.

What's coming up at St. John's
Please note important dates this week:

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day - church office will be closed (HaHa that's still a joke - the church office is always closed on Mondays)

Wednesday, May 31 Daughters of the King Discernment Class at 10:00 am in the Parlor

Wednesday, May 31 Evening Prayer at 5:30 in Mary Chapel

Sunday, June 4 and 11 Welcome Danny Jack back to the organ for these two Sundays as Cynthia takes some well-deserved time off to be with her family.



ADULT FORMATION CLASS:

“Church History – The Reformation” led by Steve Orwig continues . . .
(Each week, we will have some questions to guide our discussion. If you have a chance to consider these before the class, great! If you don't have a chance to look at these, please come anyway and participate in the discussion, or just listen.)

“Church History – The Reformation” led by Steve Orwig continues . . .

WEEK TWELVE (May 28) Summing Up: So What?—

- 1. In what ways do you incline toward Catholic beliefs or practices?**
- 2. In what ways do you incline toward Protestant beliefs or practices?**

PLEASE NOTE: Today is the last day of Sunday School. We will resume Sunday School in the Fall with some exciting programming.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Time to roll up your sleeves and help others facing food insecurity.

June 17 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Volunteer Center, 3355 S. Purdue, Oklahoma City, 73179

We will be sorting/packing food for distribution to area food pantries. The Volunteer Center

is comfortable, air-conditioned, and activities are very well organized.

Children as young as 8 are welcome to participate.

Sign up by June 4. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex or text/e-mail Deacon Lisa at lchronister29@gmail.com (405) 971-4199



take them a
meal

With Lewis Carrs' surgery scheduled in June, Sarah and Fr Nate are going to need our help keeping their sweet family nourished. A family friend has set up a webpage that allows us to sign up for a night's meal (and maybe breakfast for the next morning). It is easy and fun to complete - there are even recipes to help you plan. [Click here](#) or on the image to go directly to the page set aside for the Carrs, complete with some dietary needs in the family. The dates run from June 20 (surgery date) through July 14. So far, we have had several ladies of the church sign up for dinners. But the need continues. Please sign up soon.

Instant **Church Directory™**

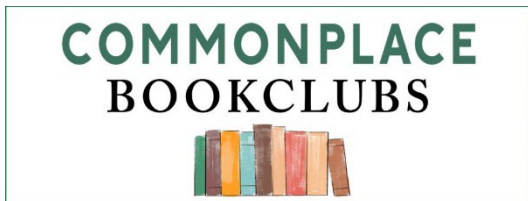
Yes, it's TRUE. We have found a great online directory service that will meet all our needs. The directory is password protected - each member will set their own password to access the directory. With the password, each member will be able to access and edit their personal information at any time. AND, the icing on the cake, the directory is downloadable as a PDF and can be printed. So, homebound and members who are not computer savvy will have a directory they can refer to. [Click here](#) to see some of the many features of the directory.

WE NEED HELP from you!

1. **First, we must gather all personal information from each individual or family to upload to the directory.** Such things as contact info, names of each family member, and birthday and anniversary dates. We have an old spreadsheet of contact information that is in serious need of updating before it can be uploaded. You will find an information form in your bulletin on Sunday that needs to be completed for this purpose. **PLEASE complete the form and drop it in the offering plate;** or take it home and complete it. You can even scan and send it to Nancy if that is easiest. [Click here](#) to access the form to complete at any time.
2. **We will be taking photos of each individual or family for the directory.** We are currently putting together a plan of action so be prepared as we figure out the details so that we can get beautiful professional portraits taken for the directory.

Our goal is to have the directory completed and in your hands (so to speak) by the end of the summer. **Much of this depends on YOU!** If you have questions or concerns about this directory, please contact Nancy. **Participation is optional, and you are free to contribute only information you wish to be available to others, but encouraged** so that we have a full profile of the congregation on which we can build.

Dreams of Summer Fun - images below are links to summer activities for children and adults of all ages. If you're curious, just click on one of the logos for information on that program. NOTE: There are a number of summer book club offerings at Commonplace - click the logo to check them out.






St. John's Outreach News and Needs

CAIR is in need of our help! Even though they have closed the resource center here, their work continues. They recently received a \$5000 grant from Mayflower Congregational UCC to **purchase diapers and distribute them to Afghan neighbors along with educational materials on where to obtain free/low-cost diapers in the OKC metro area.** How can you help in this effort?

1. **Make a financial donation** to supplement the Mayflower grant. The Mayflower grant will help in their initial goal to provide each child with 100 diapers. Additional funding would allow them to 1) buy newborn and size 1 diapers that The Spero Project can send home with parents for the next 40 new babies born and/or 2) provide each household with 2 packs of wipes to accompany the diapers.
 2. **Volunteer** to support Mayflower Congregational UCC in repackaging the diapers purchased in bulk and to help deliver diapers in late-June. Jen will send out a SignUp Genius the last week of May which will be passed on to you in this missive.
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A BOOK RELEASE WITH
Father Nathan Carr


1325 N. WALKER AVENUE
OKC, OK 73103

YOU ARE INVITED
TO A

**BOOK
RELEASE**

The Festive School


AUTHOR
FR. NATHAN CARR

JUNE 13TH
COME AND GO 6-8PM

WITH WORDS FROM THE AUTHOR
AT 7:15PM

COMMONPLACE BOOKS MIDTOWN
1325 N WALKER AVE, OKC, OK 73103

Tuesday, June 13th



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By the Grace of God
The Right Reverend Poulson Reed
VI Bishop of Oklahoma

Will ordain

William Font Sánchez

To the Sacred Order of Priests
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

The Feast Day of The Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul
Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of June
In the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-
three Six-thirty in the evening

Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral
127 NW Seventh Street Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Reception to follow in Dean Willey Hall
Cassock, Surplice, and Red Stole

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 pm, St. Paul's Cathedral - Ordination of Dana Orwig and William Font to the Priesthood.

New St. John's Security Measures:

In light of recent events, the Bishops Committee has been reviewing our safety and security guidelines. **As a safety precaution, a member of Bishop's Committee (BC) will lock the front door of the church after the Sunday service begins.** The BC member will remain near the door, for the duration of the service, to provide access for anyone arriving late for the service. Safety precautions are under review for other services. More to come.

Employment Opportunity:

St. John's is looking to hire a nursery worker who can commit to two / two-and-a-half hours per week for consistent service in our nursery. Background check and Safe Church training will be required. Please contact Nancy if interested.
