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We welcome all to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Dear Friends of St. John's,

"The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning. And as he spoke he no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write about them. And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."

The concluding paragraph of Clives Staples Lewis' great Narnia series, and among the most heartening reflections on Christian doctrine I have yet found—all of seminary included! The baptized are an odd group of people, friends. They have too much hope when you give them a pen. Too much love when you give them pain. And I want an account. I want to know why C.S. Lewis writes this stuff.

All is grace. Today is an odd day, dear friends. The one whom we put to death three days ago, is now standing in our midst. In Genesis, God creates a world, commissions Adam to name a rolodex of animals, causes Adam to sleep the sleep of death, and resurrects a church on the other side—her name is Eve. In the Gospels, Jesus creates a Kingdom, is commissioned to rename the names—stone temples become the Temple of his body; bread and wine become body and blood; He then offers himself to death, and resurrects a church on the other side—her name is the City of God. But let us be clear about the resurrection for a moment: a staged resurrection would have us all playing church this morning—passing around some tasteless biscuits in hopes of ameliorating some guilt that we're not doing enough. That's not the testimony of Scripture. This is real. We don't get happy lions, friends, from tasteless biscuits. Lewis is after something far deeper than managing his British guilt. He wants transformation. He wants to live forever. He wants a new body. This is real.

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Recurring Events

Sunday Afternoons - 2:00 to 4:00 Girl Scouts - Wade-Dalton Hall
Second Sunday of Month - following service - Daughters of the King Healing Service with Holy Unction - Nave
Second Sunday of Month - 11:30 am Daughters of the King Meeting - Parlor
Fourth Sunday of Month - 11:30 am Bishop's Committee Meeting - Parlor
Mondays - 11:00 to 4:00 CAIR Refugee Resource Center Open - School Annex
First Monday of Month - 6:30 pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting - WD Hall
Tuesdays - 9:30 to 3:30 Hickman Music School - School Annex
Wednesdays - 11:00 to 4:00 CAIR Refugee Resource Center Open - School Annex
Wednesday Evenings - 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursdays - 9:30 to 3:30 Hickman Music School - School Annex
Thursday Evenings - 6:30 pm Tai Chi
Second Saturday of Month - 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew - Parlor

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00

(or by appointment)

(If you have a recurring event that you would like added to this posting, please contact Nancy at stjohnsokc@yahoo.com or 405-943-8548.)



CAIR-OK opens new Refugee Resource Center in St. John's School Annex

Emily Mooney and Cherie Tompkins were part of a team of 26 volunteers – 14 men and women from Tinker Air Force Base and 12 CAIR-OK volunteers – who served 96 hours moving all of our donations to CAIR-OK's new Refugee Resource Center at St. John's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, April 20. Volunteers were overwhelmed as they worked tirelessly to take care of this HUGE move in only 4 hours! And all day long, volunteers interacted with one another, asking questions, learning more about each other, and all in

loving service of our Afghan neighbors.

The **CAIR-OK Refugee Resource Center** contains clothing, hygiene, and household items in Rooms 4, 5, 5A and 6. This means, all of their resources are in one location, making it much more convenient for our Afghan neighbors to access what CAIR provides.

But there's still much to be done – and that's where you can help!

On an on-going basis, we need volunteers to sort and organize donations on Mondays and Wednesdays 11:00-4:00. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Monday May 2: 10:00-2:00: Eid Celebration hosted by CAIR-OK, The Spero Project, and Catholic Charities at Fairfield Inn, 4521 SW 15th St. Volunteers are needed to set-up, clean up throughout the event and at the conclusion, interact with families, keep everyone safe, and all the while, enjoy the celebration! Here's the general plan for the festival:

- 10:30: prayer service begins, followed by a sermon (volunteers not attending the prayer service check in with Jen and receive instructions)
- 11:00: festival and lunch begin (volunteers attending the prayer service check in with Jen and receive instructions)
- 1:00: festival ends
- 1:00: clean up

[Click here to signup.](#)

I'm so grateful for your help and look forward to continuing to partner with you in service of our neighbors.

Most gratefully,

Jen Hund, Refugee Services Coordinator



Hickman Music School In The Diocesan News

This past year, St. John's Episcopal Church, OKC, has been the new home of The Hickman School of Music (HSM). St. John's and HSM have created a unique partnership that surpasses a tenant and renter relationship. [Read the complete story here.](#)

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 – Bruno Rogez
- 1 – Peri Bennett
- 3 – Jason (J.D.) Rodgers
- 4 - Lois Lyon
- 6 – Carolyn Kraemer
- 7 – Jeff Morgan
- 10 – Jackie Blake

14 – Ezra Carr
14 – Evan Greave
14 – John Freeman
14 – Sarah Brewer
15 – Amber Fuller
20 – Aréta Carr
23 – Amanda Smith
23 – Cathie Gauntt
23 – Christie Chambers
31 – Kathleen Lee

Anniversaries

11 – Scott Sproat & Laura Beebe
23 – Darrell & Martha Smith
24 – Bob & Ginny Wyn
26 – Chris & Rosemary Rodgers
28 – Aaron Mooney & Lisa Chronister

New COVID Protocols Announced

The Bishop's Committee, in keeping with the recommendations of the CDC, reduced caseloads, and the Diocese of Oklahoma, has returned all services and activities to pre-COVID status. We will continue live-streaming for those still viewing at home, will return coffee hour to Wade-Dalton Hall, and will begin **serving wine through intinction only**. We heartily welcome those who wish to continue wearing masks inside the church, but we will leave that choice to each individual/family.

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