



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



Dear friends,

In 2022, the British Film Institute published its list of the 250 greatest movies of all time.

The list had previously been held to 100 titles, but this time additional critics and directors were consulted, and the result was the infusion of many more titles. So many of them were new to me. I naively read through the list and thought, *Well, how hard could it be? I bet I could watch all of these in no time.* Fast-forward to now, and I'm still making my way over these titles. As of today I'm almost exactly halfway through the list.

These films have proven powerfully expansive to my sense of who I am and what my place is in the world. They have provided me with shock, comfort, questions, anger, solace, beauty, and mystery. I have learned to think less in black-and-white terms, and to see how sometimes art can be shaped so sharply to imitate life that the two can become indistinguishable. In some ways I have been "seen" – the task of the artist, to incorporate rather than exclude – and in other ways repelled. Whatever else these films have been, I have yet to be bored.

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Join us for



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
EVERGY PLAZA, 10TH & KANSAS AVE., TOPEKA
Sponsored along with First United Methodist,
First Presbyterian, and St. John AME Churches

***Grace Cathedral's 8:30 a.m. service of Holy
Communion will be held as usual on Oct. 6
and will also be livestreamed.***

From the Dean continued

On October 4th at 7 p.m. in All Saints Hall, we'll present 1928's classic *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, doubtless one of the most moving experiences I've had in a lifetime of film viewership. It tells of the trial of Joan of Arc in May 1431 for heresy. When he read the transcript of the trial, the film's director, Carl Theodor Dreyer, tossed out the planned screenplay and insisted on using the actual dialogue from the case. In it, the 19-year-old Joan takes on the clergymen who antagonize, abuse, and demonize her. She handles their accusations as best as she can while her life is at stake.

The film has much to say about the exercise of religion and the exercise of power, and how the two can so easily get mixed up. It also points to the faith in God that can move us, especially in those moments when God ironically seems most invisible or distant.

This is in conjunction with a small exhibit of film photos and meditations written by me that will go in the Cloister Gallery in October through early November. There's a "First Friday Art Walk" event at 5:30 on October 4th, and you're welcome to join us for that as well. The timing helps us to provide even more welcome to visitors of Silents in the Cathedral on October 27th.

Please join me for *The Passion of Joan of Arc*. I'm excited to show you something that's precious to me. Maybe it'll unlock something in you, too.

Dean Lightcap+



Adult Forum in October

October 6: No Adult Forum (World Communion Sunday)

October 13: Artificial Intelligence and Justice Issues with Michelle Ewert

October 20 & 27: Faith and the Election with Scott Shipman

The Adult Forum will meet at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall.

Blessing of the Animals, October 6

Bring your critters to the annual "Blessing of the Animals" on St. Francis Sunday, October 6, at 6 p.m. This service will take place on the Bethany Garden lawn just to the south of All Saints Hall.

Senior Saints luncheon, Wednesday, October 9

Join us for social time at 11 a.m., followed by a catered lunch at 11:30 in All Saints Hall. The guest speaker will be Cathedral member Jack Frick.

There's a sign-up sheet on the west side table in the Cathedral. A \$10 donation is appreciated for the lunch. The deadline to RSVP is October 7.

Just a reminder that if you sign up and later find out you can't attend, please notify the office before noon on Monday. If we don't receive your cancellation in time, then the church is responsible for the cost. Thank you!

Coffee Hour hosts needed

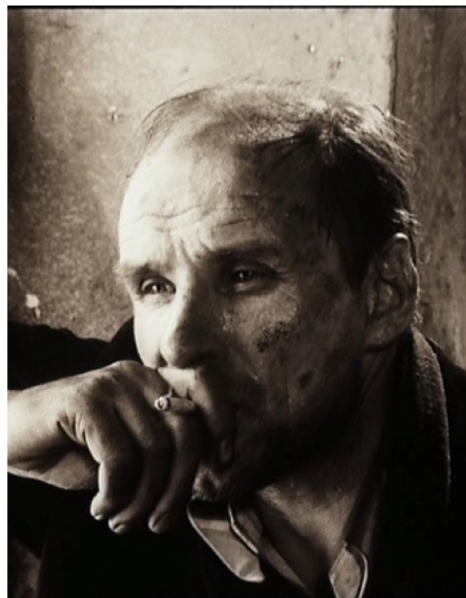
We are in need of people to help with Sunday morning coffee hour following the 10:30 service. This person, with the help of one or two others, is responsible for providing treats, making coffee, and cleaning up following coffee hour.

There is a sign-up list located just outside All Saints Hall so we invite you to add your name to the list and ask a friend or two to join you.

If you have any questions or would like to just observe how this all works, please contact Ministry Coordinator Ruth Ohm at roh@gracecathedraltopeka.org.

The Cloister Gallery

Showing in October and November



You Could Almost Touch

Art of the Close-Up in Cinema

Images of emotion from revered directors and cinematographers with meditations by Torey Lightcap, Dean of Grace Cathedral

October-November 2024

The Cloister Gallery | Grace Cathedral
701 SW 8th Ave. in Topeka

This exhibit will be a part of Topeka's First Friday Art Walk. Join Dean Lightcap on October 4 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Cloister Gallery. The exhibit will be accompanied by a reception in the Common Room.

Grace Youth Group's annual trip to Worlds of Fun!



One-of-a-kind gift to the Cathedral to be used in worship services

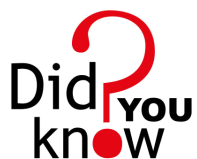


The Cathedral is pleased to have recently received a gift from Cathedral member Dr. Doug Sheafor. A *verge*, the rod or wand carried in processions by our vergers, has been designed and fabricated in the Albo Glass Studios of Topeka. We now have hand-blown glass finials representing each of the seasonal colors of the church year. It is our distinct impression that this is a first of its kind, and as such is very unique. It will be carried to the Glory of God, adding Doug's beautiful artistry to our liturgies.

The various colored tops are for each of the seasonal color changes. For example, we are now in the season after Pentecost when we use green, seen on the clergy vestments, the pulpit fall and the altar frontal. The next colors to be used are blue for Advent, gold for Christmas, and so on. Doug fashioned and assembled the oak and walnut stave

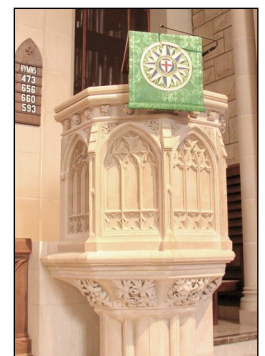
with a rubber base that holds the orb firmly in place.

Given in memory of Betty Jo "Bo" Sheafor, we are most grateful for his thoughtfulness and generosity.



The pulpit at Grace Cathedral was about 100 years old when it was installed at the Cathedral in 2002. Found by David Porterfield at a church architectural salvage house in England, the sandstone pulpit blended very nicely with our native Kansas limestone building. It was originally fabricated somewhere between 1880 and 1920 for a church in Dewsbury, England.

Funding for the pulpit was given in memory of The Very Reverend L. Skerry Olsen and Sonny Dickson by family and friends. The pulpit was cleaned, altered and installed by the late Alvin Greeson.



VOTE *faithfully*

“It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church’s responsibility to help get souls to the polls.”

—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

In Kansas, a **person must be registered by October 15** in order to vote in the November 5 election. Have a plan to vote. Will you vote early? By mail? On election day in person? Where is your polling station? There are several sites to offer detailed help to become registered to vote, key dates, voting locations, and what your ballot will look like, depending on your district:

www.votekansas.gov

www.vote411.org

www.rockthevote.org

Each of these sites provides comprehensive information regarding elections. They are all easy to navigate.

In-person advanced voting begins on October 16 and continues until noon on November 4. It is important to confirm advance voting dates and voting locations for respective counties. When voting in person, you must have a photo ID. A list of acceptable IDs is available on www.votekansas.gov:

- Driver’s license or ID card issued by Kansas or another state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military ID
- ID card issued by a Native American tribe
- Employee badge or ID issued by a government office
- Student ID card from an accredited postsecondary education institution in Kansas
- Concealed carry license issued by Kansas or another state
- Public assistance ID card issued by a government office

If you choose to vote by mail, complete an application for advance ballot by October 29. (You will need to submit a driver’s license number or a copy of a photo ID). Keep in mind that the ballot *must* be postmarked on or before election day **and** received in the county election office by close of business on the third business day after the election. So, if the post office is running slow, your vote may not make it to

the county office in time, even if it were postmarked appropriately. To avoid this, complete an application for an advanced ballot early...the advanced ballots will be mailed on October 16. Apply early, vote early, and mail early if you are relying on the post office.

If you want to participate on November 5, be sure you have checked your voting location and bring your photo ID with you. If you have problems at the polling location, contact a poll observer or call or text this number: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

Make a plan to vote! (www.vote411.org)

- Register or verify registration
- Learn about early voting options
- Explore your day-of voting options
- Research candidates

KEY DATES FOR THE 2024 ELECTION:

Tuesday, October 15

Deadline to register to vote or update your voter registration information to participate in the 2024 general election.

Wednesday, October 16

First day of advance voting. Advance ballots by mail are transmitted. In-person advance voting may begin. Check with your county election officer for specific times and locations.

Tuesday, October 29

Last day to apply for an advance voting mail ballot.

Monday, November 4

In-person advance voting ends at 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5

GENERAL ELECTION

(All advance ballots by mail must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Friday, November 8.)

Happenings in September



Above: Cathedral member Larry Wolgast presented the program on the settling of German immigrants in Kansas for the October Senior Saints' luncheon.



Top right: Volunteers gathered to paint Cathedral youth rooms during the United Way's Annual Nancy Perry Day of Caring.

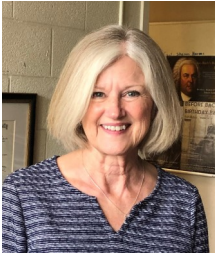


Lower right: Grace Cathedral hosted a baby shower for a young Ukrainian family that has recently moved to Topeka.



Reflections of a relatively new Episcopalian

By Ruth Ohm



“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8)

Among the many beautiful aspects of the Episcopal Church, the translation of Christian values into real world experiences is one that impresses me the most. Grace Cathedral stands firmly in the world with its outreach opportunities such as participation in JUMP (Justice, Unity and Ministry Project), Sandwich Ministry, Sharing Table, Welcome Ministry for Refugees, Blessing Box, and Blessing Bag ministries. Outreach funds support community and state organizations such as KIFA (Kansas Interfaith Advocacy), Let’s Help, Doorstep, Salvation Army, Topeka Rescue Mission and Braided Haven. The clear dedication of Grace Cathedral to social justice issues was a key factor in my becoming an Episcopalian.

The *Book of Common Prayer* was a new and unexpected wonder for me. It is full of beautiful prayers and hymns that I have come to know through both church and compline. And though it was compiled in 1979, the prayers continue to be relevant. A new favorite is the prayer for Cities, p. 825:

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able

leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Catechism in the *Book of Common Prayer* clearly states our duty to our neighbors: “to love them as ourselves, and to do to other people as we wish them to do to us” (p. 848).

As we approach the November elections, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry provides direction to Christians and to the church regarding civic engagement: “It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church’s responsibility to help get souls to the polls” (Vote Faithfully Election Engagement Toolkit, 2024, p. 1). Further, Bishop Curry says “Cast your vote, not on a partisan basis, not based on your biases, but vote your values. Vote the values of human dignity and equality. Vote the values of the rock on which this country was built. Vote.” (#VoteFaithfully, p. 2)

As a new Episcopalian, I am delighted to see that the church has a position on Civil Discourse (“Make me an Instrument of Peace”) as well as one’s responsibilities to vote. Our church leaders and our warm, welcoming congregation truly embrace the *Walk in Love* philosophy central to Episcopalians: “Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God” (*Ephesians 5:2*).

This is a
FREE PUBLIC EVENT!
Sponsored by TSCPL

27th Annual
SILENTS IN THE
CATHEDRAL

Fri | Oct 25 | 7PM
Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 701 SW 8th St., Topeka

featuring the Silent Film
WAXWORKS
Directed by Paul Leni
+ Selected Short Subjects

Ongoing Neighborhood Outreach Projects

- **Sandwich Ministry:** Providing sack lunches every Saturday morning, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Blessing Bags:** Distribution of a week's worth of nonperishable food items the first Saturday morning of each month.
- **Sharing Table:** Distribution of personal care products on the first Saturday morning of each month.
- **Blessing Box:** An ongoing ministry of providing nonperishable food available in our Blessing Box located on the south exterior of All Saints Hall. A formal collection is held on the third Sunday of each month, but donations can be made at any time.



"I hope you don't think I'm presumptuous. I died at a costume party."

About the window...

In observance of All Hallows' Eve in October, we are featuring a stained glass skull on our cover! This window is located along the east aisle of the Nave and depicts a skull under the feet of the crucified Christ. "...and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha." *John 19:17*

October Flower Memorials

- 1 John August Carlson
Frances V. Cairl
Leonard A. Sheafor
Sharon Ahrens
- 3 Elizabeth Greer
- 4 Roy H. Burton
- 5 Merle B. Stephens
Mary Gill Updegraff
- 7 Beulah B. Carlson
Alma May George
- 11 John August Carlson, Jr.
Myrle S. Furney
Ethel Morton Mitchell
- 12 Mary E. Burrow
Philadelphia Reed Ladd
- 13 Clarkson Millsbaugh
- 15 Harlan R. Price
- 16 Willard V. Haskell
John W. Lewis
Blanche Mercer Taylor
- 17 Stanley E. Olmstead
Elizabeth Simpson
- 18 Margarette Jones Snattinger
Julia E. Zahner
- 19 Verna Ellen Dickerson
- 20 Jeanette B. Marlin
- 21 John Nelson Meade
Boneita M. Wadsworth
- 22 Frances Crary Griest
- 22 Theodore R. Griest
Wesley M. Tucker
- 23 Josephine Richards Snook
- 24 Helen McKenna Mulvane
- 25 John P. Davis II
Francis Dell Moore
- 26 Erastus H. Crosby
Edwin Francis Ernest
Phyllis Crow Culliford
- 27 Edna H. Goss
- 28 Charles L. Cooke
Oma Smith Cooke
Theodore Tete Snattinger
William J. Curtis
Elizabeth R. Shaffer
Willard Shaffer
- 31 John Macky Meade
Robert D. Miller
Harriet Perry & Eldon Sloan

October birthdays

- 1 Peggy Palmer
- 2 El Shipman
- 6 Deborah Barnes
Judy Gilliland
Barbara Lewerenz
Chris Reid
- 7 Jim Allman
- 8 Austin Nothern
- 10 Brenda Escalante
Alana Seddon
- 12 Lynne Horne
Margaret McGillivray
George Pejakovich
- 17 Shirley Moses
- 18 Mason Vosburgh
- 20 Adrian Horne
- 21 Wim Gunasegaram
- 22 Mary Florence Brinton
- 23 Bill Neiswanger
- 24 Molina Quintana
Jim Turner
- 25 Karla Denton
- 26 Susan Weber
- 27 Vanessa Hill
Roy Menninger
Margaret Scharf
- 31 Dennis Weikel



Happy 102nd birthday to our beloved long-time Cathedral member, Margaret McGillivray on October 12! We wish her health and happiness in the coming year. (Pictured above with her son, Kevin, and Canon Jody.)



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Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. – Holy Communion,
Rite I

9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum
(Sept.-May)

10:30 a.m. – Club Jesus

10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion,
Rite II

Morning Prayer Circle

9 a.m. each Tuesday and
Thursday in St. Mary's Chapel

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,
Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*
The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*
The Reverend Sarah Shipman, *Curate*
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*
The Reverend Carl Edwards, *Deacon*

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance and Facilities Manager*
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Eduardo García-Novelli, *Choirmaster*
Zachary Cope, *Associate Choirmaster*
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*
Ruth Ohm, *Ministry Coordinator*
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VESTRY OF GRACE CATHEDRAL

Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson (Senior Warden), Mark Quintana
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