



ST. PETER'S EST. 1880 EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE CROSSKEYS

July 2025

From the Senior Warden

Happy July! While Father Derek is away on a well-deserved vacation, he has invited me to share my thoughts in this edition of the Crosskeys.

Next month will mark the one-year anniversary of the arrival of Father Derek and his family at St. Peter's, a milestone that brings much gratitude and encouragement. Over the past year, we have witnessed meaningful growth, renewed energy, and a strengthening of our parish community. Through his inspiring worship leadership, thoughtful preaching, and steady pastoral care, Father Derek has been a true blessing among us. His presence is a continual reminder of God's faithful provision for our church in every season.

Please keep Father Derek, LauraAnn, Barret, and Alaster in your prayers during their time away, that they may enjoy rest, safe travels, and a joyful return. Let us also pray for St. Peter's as we continue to grow in faith and service.

As summer break winds down in a few weeks, I encourage all members to prayerfully consider ways to deepen their engagement with our church family when our new program year begins on August 10th. Whether by attending Morning Prayer, weekly Bible study, participating in Engage Café, or joining one of our many ministries, your involvement is vital to the life and mission of St. Peter's. If you're unsure where to begin, please don't hesitate to contact me or Father Larson. We'd be happy to help you explore opportunities that match your gifts and interests, and support you as you find your place in our community. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant and welcoming parish where everyone feels valued and connected.

I wish you a blessed July, filled with gratitude for all we have shared and with hopeful anticipation for the future.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

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Love God

Worship & Formation Opportunities at St. Peter's and Beyond

CENTERING PRAYER AND MORNING PRAYER

Join Fr. Derek for Centering Prayer each weekday morning from 7:30am-8:00am in the church right before Morning Prayer. Centering Prayer is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer, rooted in the early church, which deepens our relationship with God—a prayer in which we can experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. Reach out to Fr. Derek to learn more about the practice or find out more here: <https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/centering-prayer-method/>

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Peter's sanctuary welcomes visitors for prayer most weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:30 pm. You are invited to come and spend some quiet time in our sacred space for reflection and prayer.

Lectionary Bible Study with the Rector Tuesdays at 10:30am

Join Fr. Derek on Tuesdays for a weekly Bible Study in Bender Hall exploring the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday. Together we will read Scripture, unpack the texts, prepare ourselves for Sunday, and deepen our faith. Bring a Bible and a friend. No need to be a member of St. Peter's to join.

Compline

Wednesdays from 6:50pm-7:00pm

Join us in the church after Engage Cafe for a short service of compline from the Book of Common Prayer, led by choir members.

fAMILY SERVICE

Family Service is held on the last Sunday's 10:30am service of each month. All families are welcome—large and small, families of birth and of choice. Not all families include children, but some do, and making worship friendly and accessible for all ages is part of what we're called to do as members of Christ's church. The Family Service is an all-ages Episcopal worship that centers children and youth in a more obvious way. It's an opportunity to share, to learn, and to grow together as God's family through all generations. Join us!

Growing into GRACE

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ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN PLANT CITY, FL

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GET PLUGGED IN TO CHILDREN'S FORMATION

For more information on the children's formation offerings, or to be added to the weekly children's family texts, contact Cindy at 813-763-1267.

TRUTHWALKERS

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Our Truthwalkers are on summer break and will resume in August. Contact Cindy Gutowski (cindygutowski@gmail.com) for additional information or questions.



SUMMER PATHFINDERS*

PathFinders class will continue with their **Drive Thru History - The Gospels** program throughout July. Join us for an entertaining exploration of the Holy Lands where Jesus & his followers walked and lived. **All are welcome! Passports not required.**

*PATHFINDERS - CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS
PathFinders is our Sunday morning Christian Formation for adults (adult Sunday School), that meets weekly between services (9:15-10:15am) in Bender Hall. Beverages & light refreshments are provided.



St. Peter's elementary schoolers will be attending our diocesan summer camp, DaySpring, in Parrish, FL, from July 6 to 11. Our campers are Rose Price, Stella Roberts, and Presley Stevens. Jaysen & Jayden Richards will also be attending the high school Discovery Camp at DaySpring on July 20-25. Your prayers for our campers are appreciated.

YOUTH GROUP

St. Peter's Youth Group
meets on the
Second Sunday,
July 13, from 5-7pm

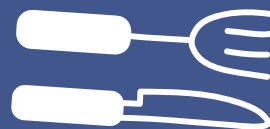
The
Christian Formation
Commission
will not meet in July.

fAMILY SERVICE

10:30 am on Sunday, July 27

Let's Get Social this

engage *cafe*



Includes **SOCIAL TIME** (beginning at 5:30pm) and **SUPPER** (served at 6:00pm) in Bender Hall and **COMPLINE** (at 6:50pm) in the sanctuary.

Please RSVP by noon on Mondays using the emailed form, or by calling (813) 752-5061 or emailing st.peterspc@verizon.net (the parish office).



JULY 16TH



LUNCH on *US*



JOIN US FOR LUNCH THIS SUMMER!!

July 30 @ 11:30 am

Hello again

**Hello Again is a ministry at St. Peter's
that keeps in touch with everyone on the Prayer List.**

We will have a meeting to check in with those who have been calling our parishioners and friends on **Sunday, July 20th, at 11:45am** (after the 10:30am Service).



***If you have a desire to participate in this
Pastoral Care Ministry, please join us.***



A SPECIAL BLESSING WILL BE OFFERED FOR
STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS
ON **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH.**
STUDENTS....BRING YOUR BACKPACKS AND THEY WILL BE
BLESSED, TOO!

ALL DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE BLESSED ON THIS
SPECIAL DAY AS WE PREPARE TO SEND THEM TO AREA
SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NEED.

Share God's Love with the World

Mission & Outreach Opportunities at St. Peter's and Beyond

School Supply Donations Needed!

Summer is underway, and the first day of school will be here before we know it. For some, it can be a time of concern about how to afford the many supplies needed for success. For several years now, St. Peter's has helped in this area by providing donations of school supplies to a local school.

Parishioner Betty Roney organizes this effort and uses her bargain-shopping skills to get the absolute best deal on school supplies. In-kind donations are welcome, but if you prefer cash or check donations (make checks out to St. Peter's and earmark them for school supplies), Betty will be sure to get the best "bang for your buck" with supply purchases.

Monetary donations are accepted until Wednesday, July 30. Physical supplies can be dropped off in Bender Hall or the parish office until Thursday, July 31. School supplies and back packs will be blessed on Sunday, August 10th.

Supplies Needed (Per Student):

- Plastic pencil box
- 1 Pack Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper
- 1 Dozen #2 Pencils
- 1 Yellow highlighter
- 1 Pair Child Safe Scissors
- 1 Pack of Glue Sticks
- 1 Pack of 3x3 Post-It-Notes
- 1 Box Kleenex Tissues (Family Size)
- 1 Box Crayola Markers
- Hand Sanitizer/Liquid Soap
- Notebook
- Clorox Wipes
- 1 Box 24ct Crayola Crayons (basic colors)

ITEMS IN PARTICULAR NEED

baby wipes
hand soap
wide rule spiral notebooks
5x9 plastic pencil boxes
sticky notes
"over the head" headphones-not ear buds

Summer break is in full swing for area school children. Don't forget our local food bank when you shop and take advantage of BOGO deals to help support local families needing food assistance. Food donation baskets are located by each entrance of the church.



SPECIAL REQUEST
Please - no glass containers or rice.



Summer Foods To Donate:

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT and help feed kids facing food insecurity. Donate non-perishable & canned food items. The United Food Bank is in need of the following items for summer:

Food Needed:

Breakfast & Snack Bars
Cereals + Oatmeal
Jelly
Kid flavored water bottles
Mac & Cheese
Peanut Butter
Ramen Noodle

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Laundry Love



Olde Henry's Laundromat, the site of our Laundry Love ministry, is temporarily closed for remodeling. We look forward to their new look and resuming this vital ministry very soon.

"Love never ends and neither does laundry"

Check out www.laundrylove.org for more information; please contact Deacon Denise (revdzz@gmail.com) to donate or volunteer.

Friends in the Park July 23rd

Our monthly participation in Friends in the Park ensures that dozens of hungry Plant Citians receive a square meal at no cost. If you have not experienced this time of fellowship and service, please consider getting involved by cooking, serving or greeting. You can join us from 5:00 pm at the Winter Visitor Center @ Dort St. and Baker. Contact Lindsay Hunt for more information or to sign up (l.robertshunt@gmail.com).

Sign up sheets are in the parish hall.



Happy Anniversary

Justin & Erick Corryn	07/15
Laural & Billy Williams	07/26
Michael Dotson & Charles Kellner	07/30

Flowers, Candles, & Wine

July 6 - Opportunities Available
July 13 - Opportunities Available
July 20 - Opportunities Available
July 27 - Opportunities Available

To sign up for Flowers, Wine, & Candles, please fill out the sign-up sheet located in the entry hall of the parish hall, or you can call 813-752-5061 for assistance.

Happy Birthday

Evelyn Grant	07/01
Michael Slakie	07/01
Brooke Lopez	07/06
Michael Burchfield	07/07
Susan Edison	07/07
Linda Biggs	07/08
Trey Stevens	07/08
Christopher Thomas	07/09
Steve Tombrink	07/10
Scott Gutowski	07/11
Maureen Nichols	07/12
Kassandra Abdel-Kader	07/12
Janet Hill	07/12
Amanda Stewart	07/12
Nancy Ham	07/14
Michael Booher	07/16
Mary Margaret Nolin	07/16
David Edison	07/17
Thomas Ludwick	07/19
Janet Santosuosso	07/21
Jackson Nichols	07/21
Karen Price	07/23
Mia Sicignano	07/25
Justin Corryn	07/26
John Kenney IV	07/26
Cynthia Crumpton	07/27
Scott Collins	07/31

SUPPORT OUR MISSION SPREAD THE WORD SHOW SOME STYLE

Purchase St. Peter's t-shirts, hoodies, hats, coffee mugs, and more by scanning the QR code or going to <https://www.bonfire.com/store/st-peters-episcopal-church/>.

Every purchase contributes to our ongoing mission and ministry!



Would you like to support the mission of St Peter's, spread the word about our community, and look great while doing it? Head on over to our new online store for all your great St. Peter's merch! We earn money for the church from every purchase. You can see samples of the products in Bender Hall, where you can also purchase old shirts for \$5.



<https://www.bonfire.com/store/st-peters-episcopal-church/>



SUMMER GIVING

Summer is here, and many of us are dreaming of traveling to faraway places. Don't forget: while you are away, St. Peter's ministries continue. Be sure to set up auto payments for your pledges so St. Peter's is equipped to carry on our mission until you return.

If you were not attending St. Peter's during our 2025 Day by Day pledge campaign and would like to participate, please call the church office at 813-752-5061 and speak to Sarah.

\$1,000 a day for 365 days of ministry of St. Peter's

*"Day by day we bless you, we praise your name for ever."
The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 98*



MONTHLY METRICS REPORT

105

May
ASA

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Sunday
Visitors

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YTD New
Members

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Outreach
Impact

5

Last Year Total:
1

YTD
Baptisms

\$17,150

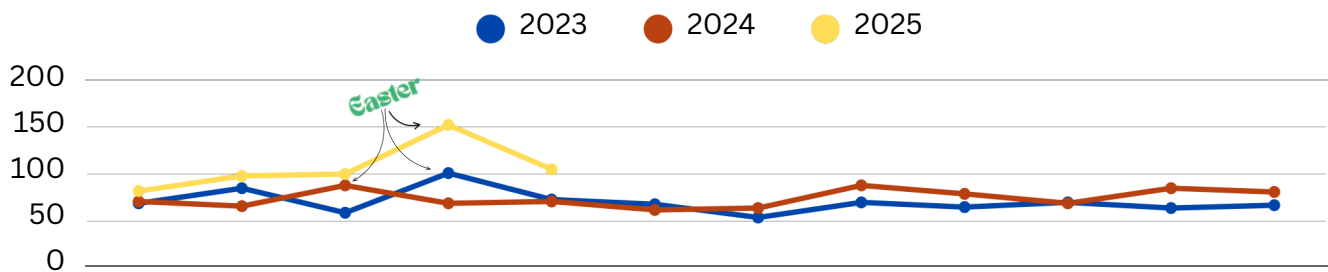
Budgeted:
\$30,691

May
Income

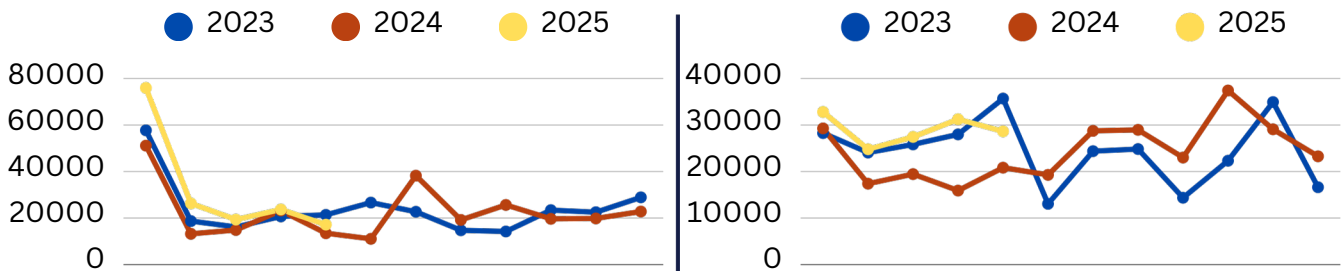
\$28,639

Budgeted:
\$30,691

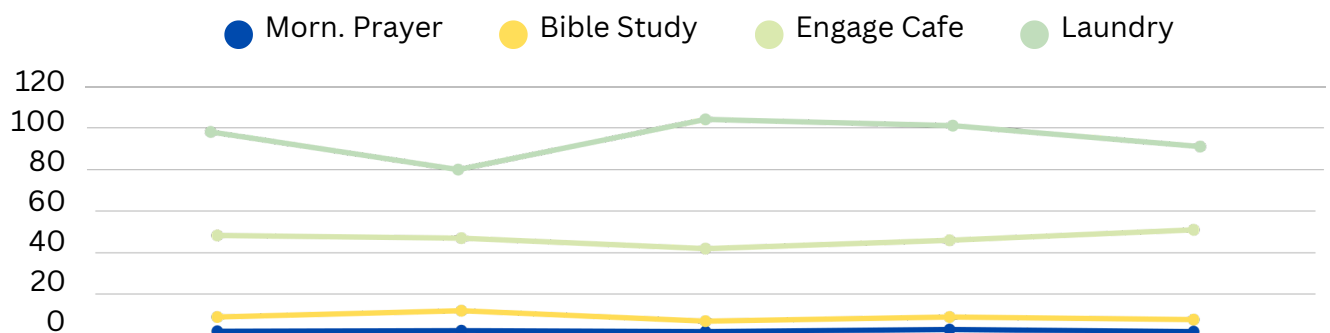
May
Expenses



AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE BY MONTH AND YEAR* IN PERSON ONLY



INCOME BY MONTH AND YEAR EXPENSES BY MONTH AND YEAR



WEEKLY ACTIVITY ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



The CrossKeys
July 2025

St. Peter's Online <http://www.stpetersplantcity.com>

Sunday Services
8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Holy Eucharist

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm

Parish Administration
Rector: The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF
Deacon: Denise Healy
Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean
Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones
Treasurer: Trey Stevens
Asst. Treasurer: Sherlyn Eukovich, Tracy Everett
Sexton: Tony Wilson
Nursery Worker:

Vestry
Senior Warden: Patti Booher
Junior Warden: Ron Everett
Clerk: Patty Linder
Sandy Black
Mark Conner
Cindy Gutowski
Christy Lyle
Eda Snyder
Neal Ward