

The **Envoy**



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May 2025

Words from the Senior Warden

ALLELUIA! CHRIST HAS RISEN!



We are all grateful to Fr. Earle for serving three consecutive Sundays including Easter Sunday, and for the services during Holy Week. We have supply priests scheduled through August with Fr. Earle not having to deliver a sermon more than twice a month. During Lent we watched a five-week series on Wednesday nights prepared by Fr. Alex and Fr. Dave. Attendance averaged 22-23 folks a week and I think was well received. We had very good discussion and participation each session. By the way, the soups (three each week) and salads were excellent as well!

Berry Ludwig has volunteered to serve as leader of a steering committee to oversee the continued operation of the Thrift Shop beginning the first of June. Ruth Ann and Alice will be retiring from the management and operation of the Thrift Shop the end of May. You will hear more about the Thrift Shop from Berry in June.

Due to the hurricanes, the fish are not cooperating with the annual Fish Fry. But not to worry - Sandra is planning a brunch on Pentecost Sunday. Carol Ray has retired from organizing and managing the Annual Live Auction and the Baskets of Opportunity Auction. If folks want these auctions to continue someone(s) will have to step-up to take one or both on. If interested please contact Carol for information - (727) 545-2366.

Also, Pete Sayles is not going to continue the organization and mailing of the Christmas gift packages to military personnel this year and we need a volunteer to step into his shoes. If interested in taking on this project, contact Pete for the specific details and issues. I anticipate all the other usual St. Vincent's activities will continue as planned.

Wishing you a joyous Easter season,

Mike McManus, Sr. Warden



VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, May 29th
6:30pm

Any Member of the Church is welcome to attend.
This is the best time to bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions to the Vestry for discussion.

Treasurer Report

Attached is a compressed view of the financials presented to Vestry on April 24th :

Year To Date March 2025			
<i>Description</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over / Under</i>
Regular Giving	51,775	46,121	5,654
Other Operating Income & Gifts	24,264	24,539	(275)
Total Revenues	76,039	70,660	5,379
Clergy/Staff	20,298	21,776	(1,478)
Operations Support	3,872	5,424	(1,552)
Yearly Diocesan Apportionment	11,816	11,816	0
Utilities	6,176	7,449	(1,273)
Building/Grounds Operations	6,646	7,973	(1,327)
Insurance	22,991	22,991	0
Total Expenses	71,799	77,429	(5,630)
NET TOTAL	4,240	(6,769)	11,009

Revenue year to date includes many pre-paid pledges. Some expenses were budgeted evenly throughout the 12 months, and activity has not yet happened. The 2025 Budget includes \$62,000 of Inheritance Savings scheduled to be transferred to Revenue in June and December. Budget only captures Supply Clergy versus full time Rector.

Any questions/concerns please feel free to email me at berryludwig@gmail.com or call (727) 348-4766.

-Berry Ludwig, Treasurer



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COFFEE *and*
Fellowship

~ Following the 10am Service ~



EVENTS 2025

Event / Project	Date	Sponsor
Live Auction	TBD	
Mother's day Brunch	Sunday, May 11	Berry/Walter/Sandra
Campus Disaster Prep	TBD	Russ Lynn
Thrift Shop Luncheon	TBD	
Pentecost Brunch	Sunday, June 8	Sandra
Father's day Brunch	Sunday, June 15	Berry/Walter/Sandra
Clothes for kids	July Outreach	Sharlene Croud
4th of July picnic	Sunday, July 6	Russ & Lynne Lynn
Backpack Outreach	Sunday, Aug. 3	Russ & Lynne Lynn
9/11 remembrance brunch	Sunday, Sept. 7	Sandra
Spaghetti Dinner	Friday, Sept. 19	Berry Ludwig
Military Care Packages	Oct. Outreach	
Blessing of the Animals	Saturday, Oct. 4	Fr. Earle / Jennifer Arness
Stewardship Kick Off Brunch	TBD	Vestry/ Mike McManus
Fall Grounds Clean Up	TBD	Russ Lynn
Trunk-or-Treat	Friday, October 31	Jennifer Arness
Baskets Auction	TBD	
Veteran's Day Brunch	Sunday, Nov. 9	Sandra
Christmas Toy Drive	Advent season	Jennifer Arness
Greening of the Church	Advent season	Altar Guild
Christmas Eve Hot Cocoa Social	Thursday, Dec. 25	Sandra

Sponsors are needed for the above highlighted events if we want to hold them this year. Please contact the office or any Vestry member if you would like to volunteer for those ministries.

Thank you!!!

May 7th &
21st
6pm
Parish Hall

ST. VINCENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH EVENING SOCIAL

Food ~ Family ~ Fellowship

Sign-up in the Narthex or Call the Church Office to Register #727-321-5086.



Men's Group Breakfast



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**Saturday,
May 4th
8am-9:30am
Parish Hall**

**All Men of the Parish
are invited to attend
as well as cook.**

Sign-up in the Narthex.

SEW WHAT? STUDIO

Calling all fabric artists!!

Whether you are experienced or a beginner, please join us for fellowship and collaboration. **All Fabric and Craft projects welcome!**

Some sewing machines and notions are available.

Group meets the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of the month from **10am - 2pm**
at **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall**
(3747 34th Street South St. Petersburg, FL).

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Outreach

Thank you to all those who participated in the Empty Bowls fund raiser for Daystar. It helps Daystar in fulfilling their mission. Check out their flyer for ways you might be able to volunteer.

Your sister in Christ,
-Winnie Abbott



THE NEXT STEPP CENTER

**All Services are free to participants and are confidential*



Medical Services

- Free Pregnancy Tests
- Free Ultrasound
- Free Well Women Exams
- Free STI Testing

Participant Services

- GOALS Program: Parenting Classes
- Men's and Women's Support Groups
- Pregnancy Support Group
- Post Abortion Support & More

Please consider supporting The Next Stepp Center.
Donations of baby supplies and diapers are always appreciated.
Donations can be left in the Church Narthex cupboard. Thank you!

1210 22nd St S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712 ~ (727) 896-9119 ~ info@nextstepp.org



**Sunday, May 11th
11am**

Bring Mom to Brunch in celebration of Mother's Day. And don't forget to pick up a carnation for Mom, too!

Sign-up in the Narthex



Visit Our Website

OUR MISSION

Daystar fights hunger, poverty, and hopelessness by providing the necessities of life to our neighbors in need. We **engage**, **educate**, and **empower** the community by promoting the value of nutrition, wellness, and financial literacy.



WHAT WE DO

12.2% of the population in Pinellas County are food insecure and are at risk of becoming homeless if an emergency were to arise.

We offer wrap around services for those experiencing adversity. We strive to guide our clients from a state of crisis to stability through our programs and services. Our services offer the possibility of immediate and long-term solutions personalized to each client.

We believe in the power of hope and the invaluable amount of change a simple act of compassion can create in a person's life.

OUR SERVICES

- HEALTHY FOOD PANTRY
- EDIBLE GARDEN
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- NUTRITIONAL AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- CLOTHING CLOSET
- SECURE MAIL BENEFITS APPLICATION ASSISTANCE
- EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS & INFANT CARE ITEMS

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

By dedicating your time and energy to our cause, you'll play an important role in uplifting and empowering those in need within our community. Volunteering with us provides a chance to make meaningful connections, develop new skills, and contribute to a brighter future for all.



727-825-0442

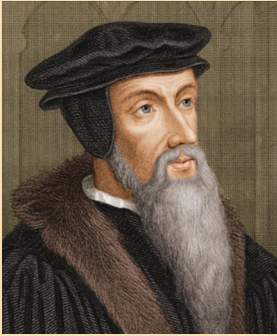


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Saint of the Month



John Calvin was born at Noyon, France on July 10, 1509. At fourteen he was sent to Paris to study theology, and developed a particular interest in the writings of Augustine. He received his MA when 19. His father then insisted that he take up law instead, which he did for three years, returning to theology when his father died.

In about 1534, he underwent a sudden conversion and became an ardent Protestant. He went to Basel, a Protestant (Zwinglian) city in Switzerland, where he wrote and published the first edition of his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, a work of systematic theology. Some philosophers are system-builders and some are not. Calvin was. Where others had been content to testify to their experience of God's grace, Calvin undertook a detailed logical account of grace. His detractors say that some things, like a good joke, or a living organism, are destroyed when you take them apart to see what makes them work. His admirers say that he faced the hard questions that others had preferred to evade. In his writings on predestination, he seems to portray God as arbitrarily withholding salvation from many. But it is well to remember that his doctrine is rooted in the experience of God's grace at work in his own heart, and an unwillingness to attribute its presence to anything but the mercy of God, a determination never to claim that he has done anything more or better than Judas Iscariot to deserve a better destiny.

In 1536, he became one of the preachers in the city of Geneva, in 1538 he was banished, and in 1541 returned in triumph, and established a form of church government that has been associated ever since with churches called Reformed or Presbyterian. It provided for a set of boards or consistories to maintain discipline in local congregations and in district-wide groups of congregations, boards consisting partly of clergy and partly of the elected representatives of the congregation.

Luther and Calvin were contemporaries and part of similar movements within the Church, but there were important differences between them. Calvinist churches differ from Lutheran ones on the mode of Christ's presence in the Lord's Supper; on the nature of the Sacraments (Calvinists come closer to regarding these as teaching ceremonies, although many Calvinists would disagree with that summary), and on style of worship. Some Calvinists (not all) have a tradition that forbids instrumental music in worship (even to keep the singers on key), and the use of any hymns except the Psalms. On questions of worship, the historic Lutheran policy (not always adhered to) has been that, if two possible policies are equally consistent with Holy Scripture, one ought to use the one more like that of Rome, so as not to be disputing for disputing's sake. The rule adopted by many Calvinists is to go for the policy less like that of Rome. The result is that you see a lot more stained glass in Lutheran churches than in Calvinist ones. Calvin died May 27, 1564.

Prayers for Healing

*** Prayer list cycle of prayer ***

The Vestry has decided that in order to keep our Prayer list current, the list will refresh quarterly (every three months). What this means is you will need to contact the office with your prayer list names every quarter to keep that person on the prayer list. This has become necessary to keep our prayer cycle current with the needs of those we are praying for. First cycle begins on June 1st.

Shut-ins:

Dante & Rosanna Balzano, Sybil Mulhauser,
Shirley Johnson

Members in Need of Healing:

Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Ken Von der Heiden,
Emily Matthews, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine,
Susan Burnett, Susan Austin, Pat Goodin

Healing for Friends & Family:

Sharon, Johnny B., Cliff, Bill & Dottie, Jimmy, Laura,
Kit W., Randy W., Melissa D., Darrell Blackston, Bill Falin,
Janet Depanoli, Diana, Sandra Schlage,
Judy Prins Franke, Sharon Stoll, Stephen Prins,
Meg Nolin, Mary Ellen Racine, Jim McKiernan, Scott, Kelly,
Michael Norris, Melissa Cercone, Ellie White,
Debbie Reeves, Sean Shannon, Mary Ebert, Martha Salas,
Lisa Goodin, Gerry, Carol Murphy, Brian Hickcox,
Heidi Myers, John, Dawn Cantrill, Donald Higgens, Pat,
Jack Tyler, Cory Maddox, Evelyn Hill, Bill S., Beth Russ,
Kellianne Meinhart, Jan Meinhart, Chris M., Linda G., Janet
D., Mike B., Michelle Johnson, Frederick Kirwin, Susan Elias,
Steve Norris, Debra Phillips, Kenneth Norris, Dede Hacking,
Carol Notarianni, Les Shull, Billy Reeves, Curtis, Linda,
David, Bennett, Pierce, Bella, Maria Paysan, Holly P.,
Tiffany Leigh, Erica Byrne, Josie Rose, Brenda Grismer,
Kylie Cunningham, Elena Gibson, Evelyn Pinckney,
Mike, Dave S., Vicky Bueller, Tyler, Jay Weisburg,
Scott Walters, Louis Phillips, Janet Evans, Gracie Kranz,
John Gugielmi, Barbara Volin, Richard Stotts, Patrick, Car-
ley, and Manakoa Klemawesch, Jim Fine, Pam

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5 Sandra Gregory
6 Nancy McGarry
10 Annabelle Arness
11 Sherry Sirmons
16 Clay Wittstruck
20 David Moore
23 Edward Deitz
23 Christian Esteva
24 Dan Sirmons
25 Dave Mooney
26 Efrain Mir

Happy Anniversary

13 Fr. Richard & Shirley Earle
17 Dcn. Chester & Barbara Trow
28 Jay & Edith Racine

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Wed. - Fri. 10a - 2p
Sat. 10a - 1p

5124 22nd Ave. S., Gulfport, FL
#727-321-7215

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Appreciated!!



St. Vincent's Episcopal Church

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3 8am Men's Breakfast
4 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	5	6 5:30pm Girl Scouts	7 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Evening Social	8	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10
11 Mother's Day Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 11am Brunch 12pm Spanish	12	13	14 10:30am Bible Study	15	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17
18 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	19	20 6:30pm Deanery Meeting	21 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Evening Social	22 Envoy Submission Deadline	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24
25 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	26 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28 10:30am Bible Study	29 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	31



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