

Pentecost

Ordinary Time between Pentecost and Advent

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Key to the Seasons

The season after Pentecost is the longest church season of the liturgical year. It lasts from Pentecost Monday until the beginning of Advent. It is often called the green season because of the color for the season. Therefore, the color of the paraments and the newsletter is green, suggesting creation and life.

It is also referred to as “Ordinary Time,” meaning that there are no other seasons celebrated. It is a time of general focus: scripture readings are rather in the form of a survey. Books of the Bible are highlighted. Ordinary Time is the easiest time to follow the Prayer Book Lectionary, because it often follows ordinary stories and sequence of the Bible.

Special seasons have their own readings appointed (you wouldn’t preach about the resurrection as a primary topic in Christmastide!) During Ordinary Time, each year focuses on a different Gospel. This is year C, and we will be reading and focusing upon the Gospel according to Luke.

Interesting fact: the only other time in the church calendar that features green is the season after Epiphany, also called “Ordinary Time” but much shorter in length of time.

From the Curate

As an update, let me offer some thoughts on our recent Food Insecurity efforts. Perhaps you remember that in April, Kim Ruth and I co-hosted a meeting of some fifty people from our community with Jeremy Everett, the Executive Director of the Texas Hunger Initiative. We have had a few follow-up meetings and have outlined a plan for future work.

The meeting on April 23 was a huge success. It was held at Green Grain Events, run by our own Doug Peck. We chose it as a neutral site to encourage people who might not be inclined to enter an Episcopal church. A luncheon was sponsored by the Episcopal Health Foundation and prepared by a non-profit that feeds the Brenham community every Monday night, Growing n Grace.

Jeremy Everett has a vision of having similar meetings in every county in Texas. Washington was the first because of our work to explore and address hunger. Jeremy was effusive in his praise for having such a diverse group – Brenham City and Washington County representatives, Brenham ISD executives (including the superintendent and child nutrition expert, ten St. Peter's members, and representatives from eight other churches (including three pastors). There were also a number of business leaders and individuals who have interest in feeding the hungry.

My work going forward will involve meeting as many of the attendees as possible. I want to ask them their thoughts, probe their interest, and try to assess their willingness to work together. My first meeting is with a Bishop in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. He has told me that this effort is something that his churches should be interested in becoming involved.

Whatever comes, my goal is to get people to coalesce around a common ministry priority, coordinate the effort, avoid duplication, and take the next steps together. There is need, and there are resources. Our success in connecting the two is a key in realizing the church's goal of truly becoming the hands and feet of Jesus.

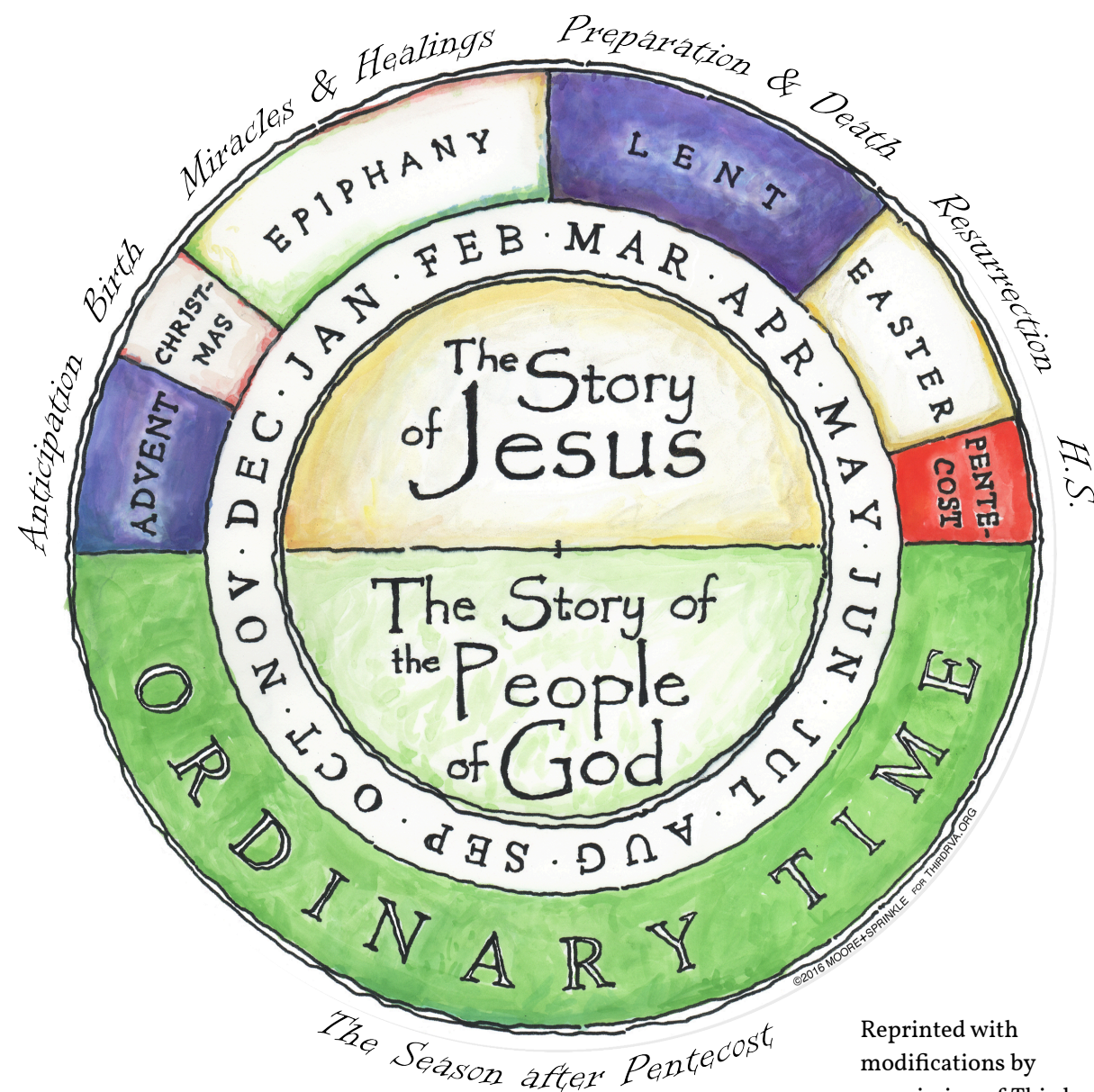
Peace,

Fr. Michael+

*Curate with a Tea
at Tilted Windmill
9 - 11a ~ Thursdays*

Liturgical Calendar

The story of Jesus and the story of God's people break into segments beginning with Advent and running through the Season after Pentecost. Attributes of the seasons are found around the outer ring: for example, Advent pairs with "Anticipation" of Jesus.



News

Welcome, Reka

Greet Reka Pennington, our new church administrator.

Congratulations, Chris

Our Postulant, now Candidate, Chris Hilton graduated from The School of Theology, Sewanee on May 9. He will be ordained Deacon on June 28. Chris and Mollie and family will move to Beaumont where he will serve as Curate at St. Mark's Episcopal Church for two years.

If anyone would like to view the ordination, a live-stream is planned in the Lower Deck on Saturday, June 28 at 11 am.

Rector's Office Relocation

The rector's office has now moved into the administration building, adjoining the administrator's office and workroom. Among the benefits is that the Rector and Administrator will be in close proximity – especially important during the training phase of Reka's tenure.

Emergency Food Pantry

Thank you for continued support of our emergency food pantry, held every Tuesday and Wednesday, 11-2 under the car port.. Substitute Volunteers are always needed to help pack bags and give out food. Please see Joanne Clark if you can help. Items needed this month, Mac and Cheese, Canned Vegetables, tuna, canned chili and snacks like peanut butter crackers, or pop tarts.

Mission/Outreach Opportunity

Gather n Grace cooks and feeds scores of people every week in Brenham's Fireman's Park every Monday evening. It is a tremendous mission enterprise. Volunteers are welcome any time. If there are enough (8-10) who would like to go together, we could sign up to serve sometime. If you are interested in getting a group to go, please contact Fr. Michael.

Pentecost Events

United Thank Offering Ingathering

June 1st we will gather all the UTO boxes. If you are not able to attend that weekend, please bring them by the church office by Thursday June 5th. If you are going to be on vacation, please call Nancy Leaton (979) 251-0267 to make arrangements. Thank you!

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Calling those fluent in foreign languages

Our 10:30 am service on June 8 will feature a scripture reading done in as many different languages as we can manage. This will reflect the rush of the Holy Spirit on the church as told in the Book of Acts, where languages were spoken, and all understood.

If you are fluent in a language other than English, please let the office know so that we can plan for this special scripture reading.

Green Season Events

Chris Hilton Ordination Streaming

Some will be able to go to Chris Hilton's ordination at the Cathedral in Houston on June 28. However, there will be an opportunity to watch the ordination at church in the Lower Deck at 11:00 am on June 28.



Monthly Events

St. Peter's Book Club

Third Fridays of the month at 2:00 pm

June 20 - The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie

July 18 - The Deepest South of All: True Stories from Natchez, Mississippi by Richard Grant

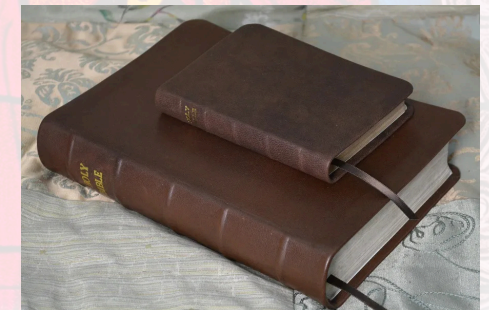
Contact: Betty Fortner (979) 203-4516

Weekly Events

Walking Through the Word

During June and July we will be finishing Hebrews and working through James, but each lesson is self contained. Feel free to come any Wednesday morning 10-11:30, we would love your input.

Contact: Nancy Leaton (979) 251-0267



June & July Birthdays

Mary Mabry	6/4	Bob Wilson.....	7/26
Margaret Dominy.....	6/8	Rebecca Marlow	7/27
Roland Villarreal.....	6/11	Gerrald Giblin	7/30
Bertha Whaley	6/11	Ashley Jones	7/30
Elise Zwiener	6/12		
Stephanie Damron.....	6/15	June & July Anniversaries	
Pam Schubert	6/19	Stephen & Cathy Stuckert	6/5
Carson Anne Groves	6/20	Chuck & Judy Esterak	6/6
Bryan Morisak	6/21	Roland & Linda Villarreal	6/11
Charles Gamble.....	6/25	Doug & Elizabeth Zwiener	6/11
Cathy Stuckert.....	6/25	Richard & Annette Stadelmann	6/12
Tye Taft	6/28	Dale & Peggy Martin.....	6/15
Carol Alvord.....	6/29	Ray & Cherry Daugbjerg	6/29
Elmer Godeny	6/30	Mike & Suzanne Callaway	7/25
Jim Evans	7/1	Michael & Terry-Ann Hannawald	7/29
James Bobo	7/6		
Jeremy Damron.....	7/7		
Chris Bullock	7/8		
Lynda Dixon.....	7/12		
Michael Groves.....	7/14		
Doug Zwiener	7/15		
Josh Leaton	7/18		
Margaret Miller	7/19		
Barry Leaton	7/20		
Teri Davis.....	7/23		
Peggy Martin.....	7/23		
Lane Damron	7/24		
Zachary Duckworth	7/25		



Periodic Events

St. Peter’s Game Nights

Back by popular demand! Game nights will be in the Lower Deck at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, June 11 & July 30.

Knit Together in Love



We knit and crochet the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons 1-2 pm of each month. We do easy and hard projects and enjoy new comers. In June, we will meet June 12th and 26th, in July 10th and 24th.

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JDoK

Thank you for all of you who attended our tea and supported our Juniors. We will attend the Food Bank distribution Friday June 6th 10-noon as our last service project for this school year. There will be an announcement of the Kick Off for next year in August. Have a great summer!

Contact: Nancy Leaton (979) 251-0267

DoK

The Daughters of the King will not have business meetings during June, July and August. See you September 7th!

Contact: Debbie Pruitt (214) 796-2464

Interested in Becoming a DoK?

We will meet Sunday June 8th with anyone interested in becoming a Daughter of the King in the Lower Deck at coffee hour after church. There will be a discernment class over the summer lasting 6 sessions, times agreed on by class members. Any lady of the church may join us, come and see what it entails without obligation. This meeting will not be long, maybe 15 minutes.

Contact Nancy Leaton (979) 251-0267.

Filling a gap ...

Free Lunch for Kids

... when food is
unavailable in schools

Henderson Park, Brenham

Daily ~ 11 am - 12 noon

July 21 – 25 **Week 1**
Host - St. Paul's Lutheran Church

July 28 – August 1 **Week 2**
Host - St. Peter's Episcopal Church

August 4 – 8 **Week 3**
Host - St. Peter's Episcopal Church

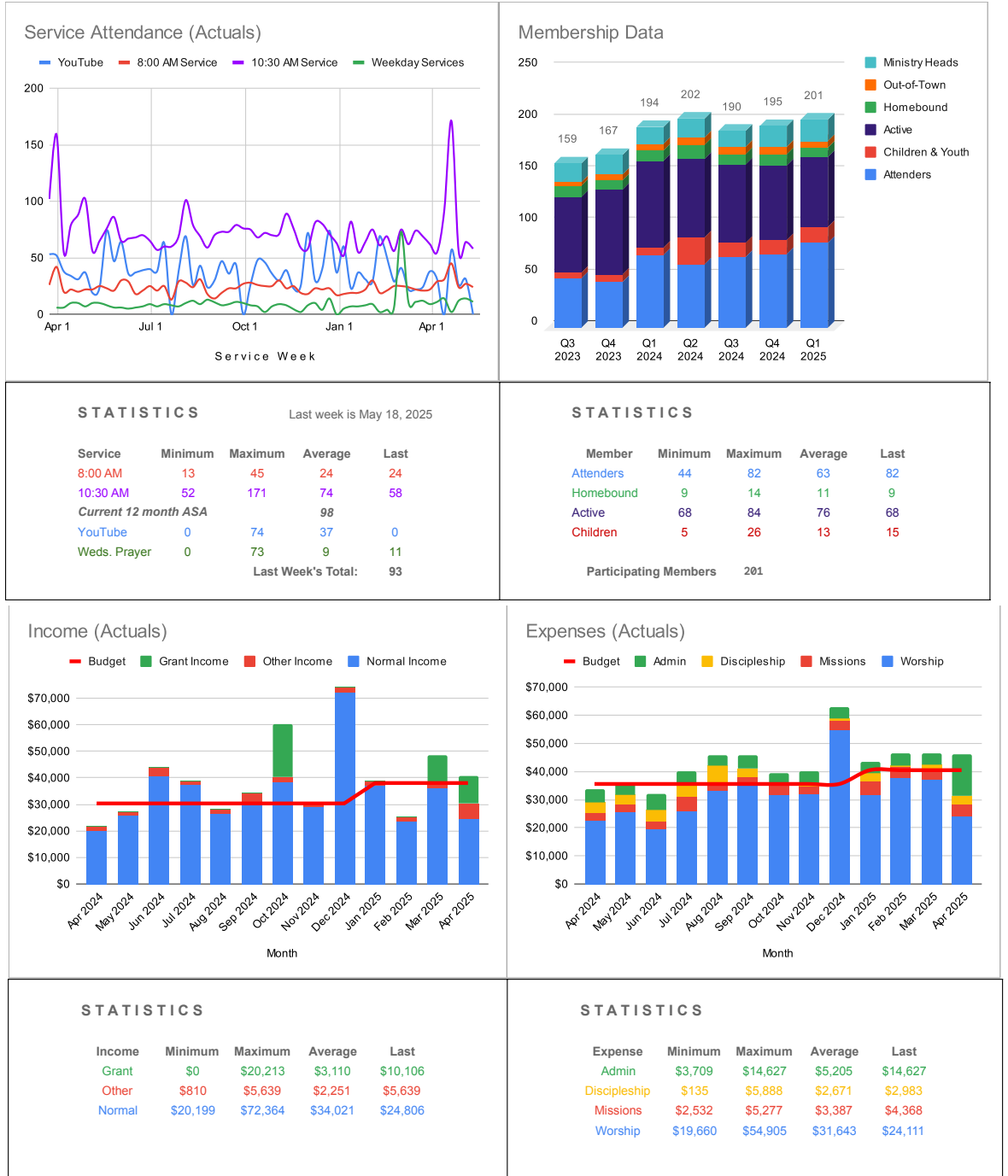
Jesus said, "Feed My Lambs"



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Key Performance Indicator Dashboard

Money Wise



From Our Rector

Healing and Prayer Ministry Renewal

As we once again celebrate the sacred fires of Pentecost, St. Peter’s joyfully announces the revival of our Healing and Prayer Ministry, a space of restoration, renewal, and spiritual comfort.



April 30th after a general invitation many of us gathered to discuss renewing this wonderful ministry to pray together monthly and to provide healing prayers alongside our Sunday Worship. As a result, beginning June 8, 2025, Pentecost Sunday prayer partners will be offering prayers for healing quietly and reverently in the back of the church during communion next to the Baptismal Font.

With prayer teams in pairs, we will exercise this prayer ministry on 2nd and 4th Sundays at both services. As the ministry expands, we will cover every Sunday. If you would like to know more about prayer or healing prayer, we continue to meet on 4th Wednesdays at 5:45pm in the Schwartz-Bird Conference Room.

Rooted in Scripture, prayerful healing has long been a testament to God’s love—offering hope, strength, and peace to those burdened by illness, distress, or uncertainty. On Sundays, this sacred act echoes the early traditions of the Church, where anointing with oil was not only a sign of divine healing but a mark of Christ’s abiding presence among His people. Whether you seek prayers for yourself, a loved one, or simply wish to kneel in quiet intercession, this ministry is open to all who desire to experience the power of prayer.

The gift of anointing with oil, a practice steeped in biblical tradition, signifies consecration, blessing, and divine intervention—a tangible expression of the Spirit’s work among us. Lay ministers will be given a small oil stock blessed by your clergy recalling James 5:14, which reminds us to pray for the sick and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

Healing comes in many forms. Some receive physical restoration, others find solace in grief, and many experience the unseen and deeply felt renewal of the soul. This ministry creates a space where faith, hope, and love can flourish, and where those in need are met with prayer, compassion, and the assurance of God’s presence.

Blessings, Fr. Stephen+



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- Tiffany Morisak.....
- Pamela Schubert.....
- Reka PenningtonClerk of the Vestry

Special Event



Game Night

Wednesday ~ June 11 ~ 6:00 pm

St. Peter's Lower Deck

Dominoes

Card Fellowship

Interactive Games

Board Games

Foosball

BYOG
Bring Your Own Games

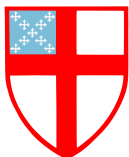
Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
HOLY EUCHARIST	HOLY EUCHARIST
<i>Spoken Liturgy</i>	<i>Choir & Organ</i>

Nursery: *Sundays - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

Midweek Prayer: *Wednesday - 12 p.m.*

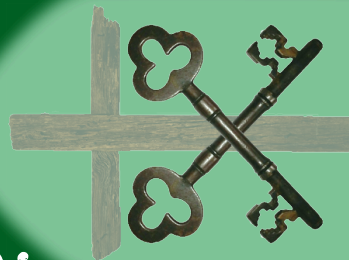
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