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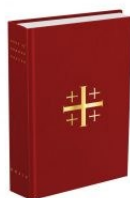
November 2025

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November!



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## Sunday Services:

8:00am...Traditional Communion

9:30am...Family Communion (livestreamed)

11:00am...Bible History Class with Richard  
Fifield

11:15am...Contemporary Service

## Thursday Services:

6:00pm...Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

## 3rd Wednesday

Praise Night - 7 pm

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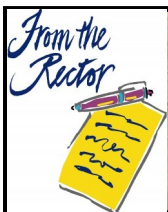
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*The Rev., Dr. Richard Gonzalez*

Dear Church Family,

Can you believe it is already November? Our Florida air is less humid and the temps are cooler, and our hearts and minds naturally begin to turn toward the Thanksgiving season.

November is a month defined by gratitude. It is a time when we are prompted, as a culture and as a church, to pause and take inventory of our blessings. The Apostle Paul encourages us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This instruction is profound. It doesn't mean we are thankful *for* every circumstance—we all know that this year has held challenges and heartaches for many among us. Instead, it is a call to find God *in* every circumstance. It's a challenge to seek out His faithfulness, His provision, and His unwavering presence, even on the most difficult days.

I encourage you to take time this month, before the holiday rush truly begins, to quiet your heart. Reflect on the moments, big and small, where God has shown His goodness. Let's be a church family that actively practices gratitude, not just one day a month, but as a daily posture of our hearts.

But gratitude is not a passive emotion; it is an active verb. It finds its truest expression when it flows out of us and into the lives of others.

Finally, as November draws to a close, we stand on the threshold of a new and sacred season. The last Sunday of this month, November 30th, is the **First Sunday of Advent**. We will light the first candle of hope, shifting our gaze from the blessings of the past year to the joyful and hopeful expectation of our coming King.

My prayer for all of us this month is that our gratitude would be deep, our generosity would be joyful, and our love for one another would be evident to all. May you and your families have a truly blessed and meaningful Thanksgiving.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Richard

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### 2025 Financial Report

(as of September 2025)

YTD Offering            \$244,827.79

YTD Expenses           \$249,508.16

YTD Balance            **-\$4,680.37**

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# *November*

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This month has been full of fun from Trunk or Treat to our Preschool costume parades. We had close to 200 kids at Trunk or Treat and we would like to thank everyone who decorated trunks and helped in any way. It is always a wonderful event and we urge everyone to come out and join us next year. The preschool also wants to thank Crossroads Baptist church for hosting us each year for our pumpkin patch field trips. They are awesome! November will start our “Jesus Projects”, where the families will be collecting food for St. Cloud Cares. We will also have a blanket drive for seniors. We will bring them to Solaris like we did last year.

proverbs 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.







Hey everyone! Wow this year is really coming to a close very fast. October was another good month for the Youth Group, we continued with our Praise Night, and our PB&J Outreach, which will be coming to a close here soon as we look to partner with The Club, which is an assisted living facility where we can go and spread joy and hang out with the residents, especially during this time of the year that can be so tough for so many people.

We also tackled several hard-hitting questions such as what is the Christian response to the events that have been happening in the world, how we can be the light in the world, why we shouldn't be afraid, and even some questions about Halloween. These discussions have been really great to have with the Youth and it has been a joy to process these and discuss them as a group.

This coming month will be more of the same for the Youth but as always we will keep you posted on all of the shenanigans we get into!

Also, keep it on your calendars, we will be having our annual Rock the Universe Bake Sale on Dec. 7th after the 8:00am and 9:30am services. Come out and buy some baked goods to help support the Youth Group in their journey to go to Rock the Universe! We are also in need of baked goods, so feel free to donate in that way towards this amazing event!

As always let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you all for supporting this amazing ministry!

Brandon Phelps

# PRAISE NIGHT!



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, AND PRAISE!

NOVEMBER 19TH , 7PM-8PM

@ ST. LUKE AND ST. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2745 CANOE CREEK ROAD, ST. CLOUD, FL, 34772

IN THE SANCTUARY

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

BRANDON PHELPS AT (407) 301-0735



# Festival of Trees

## You're Invited to the Festival of Trees!

Join us for a magical holiday experience filled with beautifully decorated trees, festive cheer, and community giving!

### Event Dates & Times

- **November 7th, 8th, 9th** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** The Church of St. Luke & St. Peter

### What to Expect:

- Stroll through a wonderland of **fully decorated trees**—each adorned with unique themes and treasures.
- Enter raffles for your chance to **take home a tree!**
- Support **St. Cloud Cares**, a 501(c)(3) organization providing weekend meal packs for children in Osceola County at risk of going hungry.
- All proceeds benefit **The Church of St. Luke & St. Peter** and help strengthen our community.

### How You Can Help:

Bring a donation of the **specific food items** requested by St. Cloud Cares and join us in giving children the gift of nourishment and hope this holiday season.



*Cantata Information*

# THEN CHRIST CAME

Created and Arranged by CLIFF DUREN

Directed by TIMOTHY T. HEARN

Performed by The Joint Choirs from:

The Episcopal Church of St. Luke and St. Peter

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Church

with Musicians and Singers from:

Music n' More Music School, Hunters Creek

and Special Guest.



## SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025

The Church of St. Luke & St. Peter

2745 Canoe Creek Road

St. Cloud, FL 34772

2:00 p.m.

# November 2025



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			PB&J Outreach, Dinner After- wards			
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Youth Group			
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			Youth Group			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		NO Youth Group	Thanksgiving			





The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is an order for lay women in the Episcopal Church with the purpose of encouraging and practicing ministries of prayer, service, and evangelism.

Since it is a lay order, members make a lifetime commitment of prayer service and evangelism. Before formal installation, each candidate goes through a three-month course of study.

Daughters of the King meets the first Sunday of every month at 11am. If you are interested in becoming a daughter, call Esther Gonzalez or attend one of our meetings.

### Donation Info:

Daughters of the King (DOK) and Families in Transition (FIT)

Boxes are in the church for you to drop off any donations you have for the DOK program for the Homeless and the FIT Program

\* FIT program is in need of TRAVEL SIZE - shampoo, lotion and water bottles (8 oz)

Thank you!

New Email for prayer request: [dokprayerslsp@gmail.com](mailto:dokprayerslsp@gmail.com)

If you would like to have quiet prayer time, the DOK has set up the cry room in the Church for that.



## Who We Are

OSL is an international, inter-denominational, Christian healing organization. We are made up of healing communities dedicated to offering healing prayer in Jesus' name to all who are in need. We are a Christian community of faith, prayer and service. We are a network of individual believers who come together to learn more about God' healing love and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and bring wholeness. Once trained, we offer healing prayer in our communities. This is our unique mission and ministry.

**We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the First Month of the Quarter**

**6:00pm, in the Sanctuary.**

**Please enter through the Narthex (the side doors will be locked)**

Jesus's healing is for today just as much as it was when he walked the earth and performed miracles of healing the sick and disabled. The Bible tells us that "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." ~ Isaiah 53:5.

**Jesus can still heal today!**



"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."

- James 5:14-15

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." ~ Isaiah 41:10

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." - Psalm 147:3



**Short Prayer for Healing** - "Father, help me to keep my focus on You when the pain and hurt are overwhelming. Help me be faithful and see the good and blessings surrounding me. Please strengthen my mind, heart, and body, and heal me today. May the Holy Spirit guide me in peace and comfort. Amen."



Winding up October the weekend food package requests had finally reached the 200 level.

We were surprised to discover a drop of about 100 a week when we reset in August and were puzzled as to why the decrease.

Basically it can be attributed to a decline in attendance overall in the Osceola School District this year.

Comparing the attendance at the end of October 2024 with this year shows the number of children attending dropped at seven of the ten elementary schools in the St. Cloud area and increased slightly at just three, Narcoossee, Voyager and Harmony.

Why the change? Several reasons come to mind. A few could have graduated to middle school--although these locations also showed a drop. Some children may be in a charter school or home schooled or moved out of the area for one reason or another.

A comparison of all the county high schools also indicated a drop in attendance.

All of this has made our weekly food packages program easier. However, we still feel there are many children and families who need weekend food assistance and we are committed to meeting the requests when they come.

Your ongoing help is always appreciated. Regular donations of the items we use and monetary contributions to buy food will keep this ministry operating for as long as it is needed.

St. Cloud Cares, 2745 Canoe Creek Road, 34772.

Financial contributions are tax-deductible and we send a yearly statement to you each January.





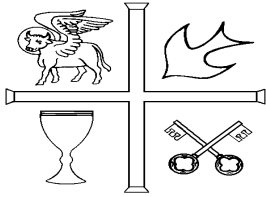
Do you love to sing ?

We are always looking for individuals  
That would like to join the Choir.

Please see Mr. Timothy Hearn  
if you're interested in learning more about this ministry

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# St. Luke and St. Peter Church

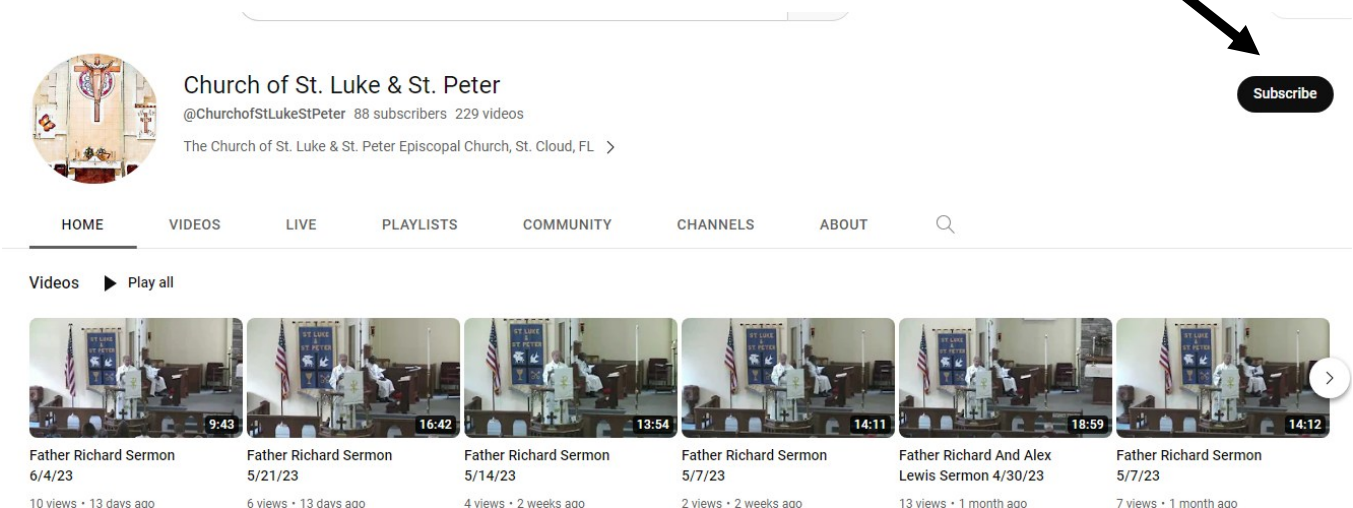
## Playlists on YouTube

Click to be taken to our channel

Did you know that we have playlists on our YouTube channel? Each week, We save the sermon as a separate video and add it to the season's playlist—

Head over to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@ChurchofStLukeStPeter>, then click "Playlists" Scroll through the playlists until you find one that calls to you!

Don't forget to subscribe!!



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Father Richard Sermon 5/7/23	14:11	2 views	2 weeks ago
Father Richard And Alex Lewis Sermon 4/30/23	18:59	13 views	1 month ago
Father Richard Sermon 5/7/23	14:12	7 views	1 month ago

# NOVEMBER

## Birthdays

2nd- Austin Grathwol  
 5th- Brian Phelps  
 6th- Aidan Vega  
 7th- Samantha Kulick  
 8th- Sidney Lewis  
 11th- Nancy Becker  
 14th- Dana Smith  
 17th- Valarie Weber  
       Magnus Drogos  
       Jayda Pabon  
 21st- Ethan Ali  
 23rd- Priscilla Harrington  
 24th- Denise Vega  
 26th- Pat Smith  
       Edris Merchant

# NOVEMBER

## Anniversaries

6th- Jeremy & Rose Rohde  
 8th- Paul & Victoria Reich  
 15th- Mike & Connie Williams  
       Pierre & Dawn Kalfon- Lapointe  
 16th- John & Merlene Rohde  
       Gary & Chickie Arendas

*(If you had/have a Birthday or Anniversary this month and your names aren't here, please contact the office so that I can update your information in our database).  
 Thank you! Carrie - Office #407-892-3227 or email to [slspchurch@gmail.com](mailto:slspchurch@gmail.com)*

**Congratulations To Our Expectant Mothers**

**Congratulations to Our New Mothers**



## Prayers of the People

### **Members of the Parish**

Robin Hengels	Sharon Hudson	Bette McBride
Adolfo Figeac	Henry Rohde	Joe Grady
Pat Smith	Miriam Kinard	Fr. Guy
John Chambless	Maria Borchers	Carol Woods
Marilyn Stemphoski	Judy Kraubetz	Cassie H.
Danny Collier	Judy Grinnell	Lauren Eib
Cindy Davis	Gail Hayden	Mike Mannino
Inshan Ali	Nerissa Ali	Richard P.
Isabella Ali	Zachary Ali	Lloyd Ranchurejee
Ann Logan	Maryella Wood	Brandt Palmer
Joyce Albright & Family	Colleen Hutton	Thelma McGhee
Tripp Kessler		

### **Family and Friends of the Parish**

Richelle Barber	Ivy Trujillo	Nadia Eaddy
Joe Henderson	Niecey	Joan Herbert
Kathleen Randall Marks	Audra Webber	Julio Perez
Bill Wilner	Louis Chancey	Pedro Sosa
Ed Parks	Nicolai Ward	Cleo Miller
Brenda Harrod	Dawn Davis	Causton Merchant
Dionne Wilson	Kristi Melton	Joanne Lee
Weston Nobles	Robert Ray	Nancy Lopez
Ruth- Ann	Ralph Sharp	Curtis Hearn
Calvin Leverette	Joshua & Ginna (Hearn Family)	
Irene Rodriguez	Cathy Moore	Timothy Hearn Family (Steven & Edward Hearn)
Drew Payne	Darwin Hedges	Joyce Seaward
Jesse	Ms. Joachim	David Grabosky
Joe Nathan	Geraldine Reithmiller	Bryan & Sue Dever
Gema Evans	Italo Victor Brett	Sadie & Adalind Chaffee
Henry Hearn Jr.	Carol Yanish	Rainey Bell Nunery & Family
Wayne Garland	Glady's Leverette	Vilola Oatis
Nelida Gonzalez	Roger P.	Issac Sabo
Tracie Miller	Craig Coulton	Ann Logan
Mellisa Shafer	Yesenia	Susan Davis
Carla Varner	Isabel Chambless	Tom & Linda Drake
Taylor Garcia Family	Lekisha Patrick	Marcia Patrick

### **Our Military Personnel:**

Steven Lightsey, Jason Smith, L.B. Belford, Joshua Quinn, John Garland, Jr., Molly Solsbury, Ashli & Richard Africain, Andre Sinclair, Amanda Patton, Taylor Patton, Sammy Martin, Zachary Brady, Nathan Grigsby, Caleb Hayden, Jared Rotunda, Victor Romero, Jaynie, Bryce Cook, Gillian Stewart, Gavan Cragell and Kofi Amissah.

### **Homebound Members and Friends**

Joanne Welker                      Lyn Kirkland

### **Expectant Mothers**





## *8:00 A.M. SERVERS*

DATE	LAY READER	READER	USHERS
11/2	Jon Stevens	Sandra Vassel Isaiah 1:10-18	Sandra Vassel
11/9	Brandon Phelps	George MacArthur Job 19:23-27a	Sandra Vassel
11/16	Donna Tafat	Sandra Vassel Malachi 4:1-2a	Sandra Vassel
11/23	Jon Stevens	Donna Millman Jeremiah 23:1-6	Sandra Vassel
11/30	Jon Stevens	Sandra Vassel Isaiah 2:1-5	Sandra Vassel



9:30 A.M.

DATE	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	READER	PRAYER LEADER	USHERS
11/2	Martin Harris	Sofia Grady Emily Grady	Tracy Hensel	Barbra Harris	Rene Lewis Margie Stankiewicz
11/9	Mike Misenti	Kimberly Mi- senti Pete Buckner	Laura Misenti	Colleen Hut- ton	Richard Fifield Kathy Russell
11/16	Brian Phelps	Lanie Aslan Aubree Nock	Jason Buck- ner	Esther Gonzalez	Fred Hutton Darnley Davis
11/23	Richard Fifield	Carly Leach Zoe H	Justin Orton	Kathy Russell	Roop Chandoo Ken Beckles
11/30	Brandon Phelps	Blase Ullrich Grace Ullrich	Corey Harris	Pete Buckner	Rogerick Palmer