

# TOWER TALK

July 7 & 8, 2018

## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

### CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday Fundays resume **THIS WEEK.**

We're getting really close to baking our PIZZA!!! Meet Ms. Barbara in the Assembly Room at 9:50am. :)

### ADULT FORUM

9:50am in Parish Hall 2 (middle section). Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join the class!

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We are looking for more volunteers to help with Coffee Hour. Food and beverages are already provided. We just need assistance in brewing the coffee, setting out the morning refreshments and help with cleanup. Anyone interested please contact Deacon Fran at [fwheeler@stthomasop.org](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org).



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

"BUILDING FAITH: A LEGO VBS"

SUNDAY, JULY 22-26

6-8:30PM (DINNER INCLUDED)

\* Program geared toward PreSchool-5th Grade students

Older Children/Adults welcomed as volunteer participants (dinner included!) - please contact Barbara McCall to sign up as a volunteer at (913) 909-7318.

Nursery available for our volunteers!

Click the QR code to register!



\*\*Please register by July 10 to ensure availability of your child's correct t-shirt size!\*\*



## Celebrating our Children & Youth

Bre Elman will be performing in the musical *Newsies* at the Jewish Community Center's White Theater. Shows start July 7 and run throughout July. Check out the poster on the display board in the lobby if interested.

Come see Emily Lyon as Sleeping Beauty in *Shrek the Musical*. She will be performing on Aug. 10 and 11 at 7:30pm and Aug. 12 at 2:30. Tickets are available at [summittheatre.org](http://summittheatre.org). Break a leg Emily!

During the summer PLEASE send us your kid's accomplishments! New positions for next year? Please share! We want to celebrate with you! Send them to Kelly Demo—[kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org) or Barbara McCall—[bmccall@stthomasop.org](mailto:bmccall@stthomasop.org).



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ST THOMAS WILL BE OFFERING CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING

**Saturday, August 18, from 9am-3:30pm**

Everyone is welcome to participate and more information will be coming soon but we do encourage all staff, vestry members, ushers and nursery workers to participate, so please save the date for this important training.

Articles for Tower Talk and our email update are due by **NOON every Monday. Articles will run for two weeks unless notified otherwise. Send info and articles to Meribeth Risebig—[mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org) or call 913-451-0512.**

## Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God and

- *In memory of Julia "Cookie" Lake from her family—Joe Bob & Nyakio Lake*



Flowers on the altar beautify the sacred space of our church and are a gift to God and those who attend our worship services. The Flower Guild prepares the arrangements weekly, always using fresh flowers.

You can sign up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board down the hallway past the office, sign up on the link provided in your weekly email, send an email to the church—[stthomas@stthomasop.org](mailto:stthomas@stthomasop.org), or give us a call. Let us know the weekend you prefer and what you'd like to include in the weekly Tower Talk and email update. More than one person/family may sign up on a given weekend. Information is needed *at least a week before* the date you sign up. Suggested donation is \$50.

When you sign up in advance you may receive a letter or e-mail about a month in advance asking for details about your commemoration.

## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Lay people face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education that supports their faith and helps them to connect that faith to their lives. The EFM program provides people with an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service and carry out their ministries.

Education for Ministry is a four-year program from the Episcopal Seminary of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. In the first year we read and study the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). The second year we read and study the Christian Scriptures (New Testament). The third year covers the church history. And the fourth years is theology with some philosophy.

In all years we learn to think theologically through reflection, with the goal to apply what we learn. If we learn to think theologically, we then hope to live theologically and live Christ's ministry in God's world today.

If you are interested and want to learn more, contact Ray Wheeler ([Ray.Wheeler60@Gmail.com](mailto:Ray.Wheeler60@Gmail.com)) or Russ Sifers ([Russ@VALOMILK.com](mailto:Russ@VALOMILK.com))

## Outreach • Volunteer • Donate



### Benefit Concert for NourishKC | Sponsored by area Episcopal churches

Join us Wednesday, July 11 from 7 to 9pm at Church of the Good Shepherd (4947 NE Chouteau Dr., KCMO 64119) for a beautiful evening with Adler & Hearne, an award-winning songwriter duo who will perform fresh-

picked songs with jazz undertones in a spirited genre they call "Texas Folk." Love offerings to benefit NourishKC. Thanks to Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Church for making this event possible.

### Comanche Elementary School Supply Collection July 1– July 29

Comanche Elementary is a school in the Shawnee Mission school district that we have supported with various ministries over approximately the last 8-9 years. This is a Title One school with an 86% rate of students on free and reduced lunches. 44% are ELL Students, and this school also has a high count of families being deported. Often times one parent is left behind to care for the family. In many cases families are doubling up in the same household, and frequently many young children are considered latch key kids as they are left home alone after school. St. Thomas initially began supporting this school as a community partner with the distribution of Harvester's BackSnacks, a ministry which provides healthy snack type food for the weekend on a weekly basis throughout the school year. Our ministries with Comanche have grown over the past several years, and we now have many ways in which we continue to support this school. As part of these ministries, St Thomas has again offered to reach out to about 50 Comanche students by assisting with their needs for backpacks and school supplies.

Supply requests requests are available in the lobby. Thanks to previous generous donations in the past and a few other community and organization donations we were able to order many bulk school supplies in advance. However, we still need a few additional items on the supply list. Please prayerfully consider selecting some of these items by purchasing them and dropping them off by the school supply display in the Lobby. Items will be collected through Sunday, July 29.

*We invite you to come share in the fun!*

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## COMANCHE OUTREACH, CONT.

### In addition...All Parish Packing Party

**When: August 5 between the 8:45 and 10:45 services**

Together let's fill backpacks with school supplies to "**Help Feed Minds**", engage in wonderful fellowship, and enjoy a wonderful breakfast as we pack! You can sign up on the display board in the lobby or in our weekly email news. **Contact: Deacon Fran Wheeler** or go to [www.EfM.Sewanee.edu](http://www.EfM.Sewanee.edu).



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### THE GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD MINISTRY is back! Suzie

Bowden is the new leader and we are looking for members who are interested in helping new mothers with layette items for the bags we give out. These layette bags are to be given to new moms in our church, but we also provide them to Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center for less privileged mothers.



We will have a pack-n-play in the narthex through July to collect needed items. A list of needed items will be next to the pack-n-play. At this time the only items we have plenty of are baby blankets as our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been very busy making baby blankets. If any of our members are sewers & would like to make burp cloths, bibs, or receiving blankets that would be awesome. Monetary donations are appreciated to help buy diapers & wipes.

If any members wish to join the Guild of the Christ Child contact Suzie Bowden—913-207-0072.

We very much appreciate your Prayers and support of this ministry.  
Suzie Bowden 913-207-0072

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 8

8:45 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion  
"Coffee Hours" after each service in PH 1

9:45 AM Summer "Funday" Sun. Sch.-Educ Wing

9:50 AM Adult Forum-PH 2

4-5:30 PM Walking the Mourners Path-PH 3

### Monday, July 9

ROTC 3-5 gr-in PH 1: 8-9am, 12-1, 4-5pm

9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-Rms 133/134, 137, K

1:30 PM Staff Meeting-PH 2

7:00 PM Outreach Team Mtg-Rm 134

### Tuesday, July 10

ROTC 3-5 gr-in PH 1: 8-9am, 12-1, 4-5pm

9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145

7:00 PM Sword Guild practice-PH 2

### Wednesday, July 11

ROTC 3-5 gr-in PH 1: 8-9am, 12-1, 4-5pm

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-Rms 133/134, 137, K

### Thursday, July 12

ROTC 3-5 gr-in PH 1: 8-9am, 12-1, 4-5pm

9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145

7:00 PM Classics Men's Small Grp-Asbly  
Sword Guild practice-PH 2

### Friday, July 13

ROTC 3-5 gr-in PH 1: 8-9am, 12-1, 4-5pm

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-Rms 133/134, 137, K

### Saturday, July 14

1-4 PM God & Games Small Grp-Sullivan home

5:30 PM Holy Communion-Nave

6:30 PM Second Saturday reception-PH 1

Asbly = Assembly Room in Education Wing; K = Kitchen;  
Educ Wing = Education Wing | PH = Parish Hall

To view the church calendar go to our website,  
[www.stthomasop.org](http://www.stthomasop.org), and click on *Calendar* on the upper right  
side. To hold a meeting or event at St. Thomas you must first clear  
the date/time/space with Meribeth in the church office.

