

### RED CARPET FUNDRAISER DINNER

Join us for our annual silent auction, dinner, and trivia night fundraiser for the youth's summer 2020 mission trip to Los Angeles. Tickets are \$15 a person which includes dinner, one drink ticket and entry into the trivia contest! Please RSVP using the link in your Weekly Update to be on the guest list and you can pay that evening!

**Date: 03/28/2020 (Sat.) Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm**

### SUMMER CAMPS REGISTRATION UPDATE

**\*\*LAST DAY FOR EARLY BIRD PRICES!\*\***

**PRICES FOR ROTCs INCREASE TO \$200 PER STUDENT ON MONDAY, MARCH 16.**

**\*\*Be advised - Elementary ROTC is NEARLY FULL!\*\***

Visit <http://www.stthomasop.org> for more information and to register!

### A BIG CHEER GOES OUT TO....

- Gwen Campbell who made JC cheerleading for Shawnee Mission South!
- Ava Goyer who made Varsity cheerleading for Shawnee Mission South!
- Mac McArthur whose jazz band won the KU Jazz competition!
- Moira Mullen who got a 1 on her choir solo!

## Lent at St. Thomas

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### WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON SERIES: "FINAL WORD"

**Wednesdays thru Lent: Noon—1pm in the Parish Hall**

The theme, "Final Word" is modeled after Carnegie Mellon University's *The Last Lecture Series*. Leaders from the community will share thoughts on what really matters to them. What would you say to the world if this was your last chance to talk about your life and lessons

**March 18:** Gordon Docking, Author and Parishioner

**March 25:** Janee' Hanzlick, Jo Co Board of County Commissioners for District 4

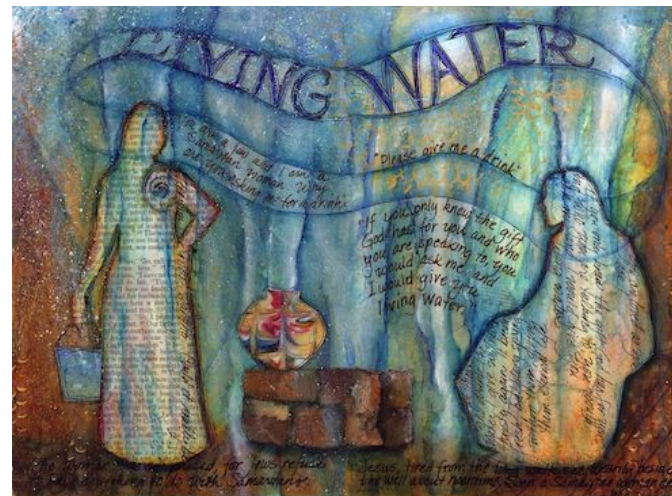
**April 1:** Evy Tilzer, 2nd Generation Speaker for Midwest Center for Holocaust Education



*Soup will be served each week. Please consider bringing a pot of soup for 8-10 people by 11:45am. Signups are posted in the lobby for soup and help with setup and cleanup.*



**EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC:** Your generous gifts, in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, help provide altar flowers *and* special music for our Easter services. The Easter memorial envelope will be available in your bulletins this weekend. We ask that you return the envelope in the offering or return to the office by **Sunday, April 5**. You can also sign up using a link in your weekly email news.



**The Third Sunday in Lent:**

Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well

John 4:5-42

## TOWER TALK

March 14 & 15, 2020

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### • SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION •

*Children & Youth Sunday School*

9:45-10:30 in the Education Wing and LL of the church

*Adult Forum will meet in PH 2 beginning at 10:00am.*  
We will continue with Lenten themes and the concept of shame and sin. We'll be looking at some of Brene' Brown's work and TED talks, and other conversation.

### • UP NEXT •

#### THIS SATURDAY: 2ND SATURDAY RECEPTION

Get together after the 5:30 service with friends, meet new members, reconnect. Enjoy Morgan's Salsa by Thom's Helpers, chips, and beverages. You may bring a snack to share. We will meet in Parish Hall 1. Everyone is welcome!

#### YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP RESUMES MARCH 17

The Young Adult Small Group will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Johnny's Tavern at 119th and Metcalf at 7pm. The address is 6765 119th Street OP KS 66209. Future dates are: **March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17**

#### LENTEN LECTURES AND LUNCH: "FINAL WORD"

**WEDNESDAYS THROUGH LENT  
Noon—1pm in Parish Hall**

Join us from Noon to 1pm for lunch while we hear some prominent leaders and speakers from the community share thoughts on what really matters to them. (Complete schedule on middle page.) A signup to help with the meal is located in the lobby on the display board. Our lecturer this week will be Gordon Docking, Author and Parishioner at St. Thomas.

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**LOOKING FOR THE HOST WEEK SIGNUP SHEETS???**

**CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD BESIDE CHURCH OFFICE!!**

Volunteers (trained & untrained) and Food & Supplies are needed for IHN Host week serving situationally homeless families and single women in Johnson Co. The signup sheets are temporarily on the hall bulletin board.

Thank you for your help and support.

**IHN STATS:**

June 2004-Mar. 1, 2020

Families Served- 316

Single Women with No Children- 75

Total Served- 753, Includes 75 Single Women and 437 Children

Questions? Contact one of our St. Thomas coordinators:

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Margaret Walkenshaw 913-302-2018 - [mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net](mailto:mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net); or

Connie Snider, laundry coordinator, 913-709-1431 or

[conniesnider@hotmail.com](mailto:conniesnider@hotmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE** - The annual **Kansas 2 Kenya "K2K" Fundraiser** will once again be held at St. Thomas this year. The date is Saturday, April 18, and details with signup information will be coming out soon. This is the one and only annual fundraising event that raises funds solely for the projects in Kenya that K2K supports. None of the money raised goes toward travel expenses or administrative costs of the mission.

**PATHWAY TO HOPE SHOE DRIVE**

I'm Josh Lyman, a parishioner and Program Director for Reclamation Clubhouse, a program of Pathway To Hope, Inc. We are doing a shoe drive fundraiser. The new or gently used shoes you put in our white box out in the Narthex will allow us to raise funds through Funds2Orgs. As an added bonus, the shoes will then be shipped to 3rd world countries where micro businesses will thrive. Businesses overseas need these shoes to use for repair or to sell. The shoe drive will run through April 1.

Clean out your family's closets and help us surpass our goal of 120 pairs of shoes!

Reclamation Clubhouse is a free service to persons living with mental illness. We are a safe place where staff and members are coequals in a supportive, confidence boosting environment. Members and staff prepare and share a meal and work towards personal goals. Come by and say hello—you don't even need to call ahead. Open 8:30 to 4:30 M-F. Location: Emmanuel Family Outreach Building, 7101 Quivira Rd • Shawnee, 66226.

**THANK YOU FROM IHN**

*Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church—*

*Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life. Without someone else's help and our IHN guests are no exception. We are so grateful to you and the dedicated members of St. Thomas.*

*Please accept our heartfelt thanks for hosting our families the week of February 16! We know that providing this help requires a big commitment from your congregation. Please convey our gratitude to all involved and let them know their efforts make a difference to people who need a helping hand.*

*Sincere Thanks,*

*Vicki & Cheryl*

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS NEED OWNERS**

The following items are displayed next to the Lost and Found basket in the coat room. If the glasses remain there for a month, we will donate them to the Lions Club.

- 4 pairs plastic rimmed glasses—reading and prescription
- 2 pairs wire rimmed glasses—reading and prescription
- Set of Keys on key ring with Jewish Community Ctr, Hen House, and CVS cards
- assorted Rings, Earrings, Bracelets
- ReSound Hearing Aid

**PASSION READERS WILL BE NEEDED—SIGN UP NOW!**

**LET'S FILL IN ALL THE SLOTS EARLY THIS YEAR!**

St. Thomas parish follows the custom of reading the Passion Gospel in parts on Palm Sunday weekend (5:30 Sat. & 8:45 Sunday services) and Good Friday (7pm). You can sign up on the display board in the narthex or online from your *Weekly Update* where a link is available. There you will also find a link to the scripts so you can decide which one to read.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**This Saturday, March 14**

5:30 PM Holy Communion  
6:30 PM Second Saturday Reception-PH 1

**This Sunday, March 15**

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
9:45 AM Sunday School for Children & Youth—  
Education Wing, LL; Confirmation Class-  
Rm 137  
10:00 AM Adult Forum-PH 2  
10:45 AM Holy Communion  
6-8 PM Youth Group-PH 1, 2, 3, K

**"Coffee Hours"**  
after each  
service in PH 1

**Monday, March 16**

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting-PH 2  
6:30 PM Westmont Neighbors Mtg-Asbly

**Tuesday, March 17**

2:30-6:30 Voice Lessons-Asbly  
7:00 PM Book Club-PH 1; Contemplative Prayer  
Small Grp-Nave

**Wednesday, March 18**

9:30 AM Coffee Small Grp-Rm 137  
10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-Rms 133-137; K  
10:30-12 Wednesday Study Group-Asbly  
12-1 PM Lenten Lecture & Luncheon-PH 1, 2, 3  
6:00 PM Pinehurst Estates Mtg-PH 1  
6:45 PM Praise Band reh-Nave  
7 PM EFM-Asbly  
7:30 PM Adult Choir reh-Nave

**Thursday, March 19**

7:00PM Sword Guild-PH 2

**Friday, March 20**

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K  
7:00 PM Explorers Small Grp-PH 2; SCA-Asbly

**Saturday, March 21**

10-12 Prayer Shawl Small Grp-PH 1  
5:30 PM Holy Communion

Asbly = Assembly Room in Education Wing; K = Kitchen; Narthex = Lobby  
Educ Wing = Education Wing; PH = Parish Hall; Nave = Sanctuary

**\*\* To hold a meeting or event at St. Thomas you must first clear the date/time/space with Meribeth in the church office.**

Articles for Tower Talk and our email update are due by NOON every MONDAY. Articles will run for **two weeks** unless notified otherwise. Send to Meribeth in the office—  
[mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org). Thank you!

