

Calling all amature chefs!!

We want YOU...for the Vacation Bible School KITCHEN KREW!!

Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30
approximately 4:30-6:30pm

Vacation Bible School will return to a more "normal" format this year including the tradition of enjoying dinner together each night before our programming begins. We are looking for some helpful hands (ages 15 and up) to prepare and serve our nightly simple, kid-friendly meals. While we love having our helpers each night, we know that's not always easy - so we do take on helpers who can only help on certain evenings. Contact Barbara McCall (bmccall@stthomasop.org) to sign up!

"Summer Sundays" during the Education

Hour—9:45-10:45am in the Education Wing. All are welcome!

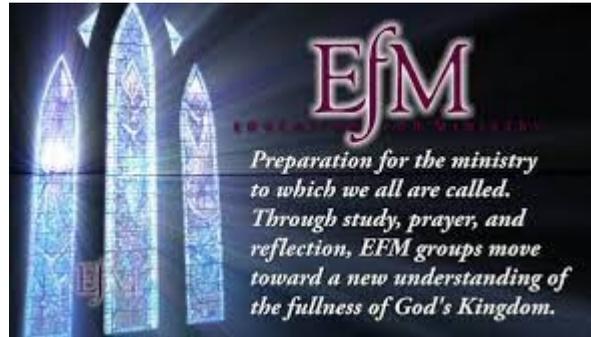
Celebrating Our Children & Youth

We know your kiddos are up to GREAT THINGS! We want to hear and celebrate with them! Email any special news about your child or youth to Barbara—bmccall@stthomasop.org or Kelly—kdemo@stthomasop.org so that we may add it to our newsletters.

Summer Camp Registrations Still Open!

Click Here for more information and to Register for all Summer Camps:

<https://stthomasop.org/summer-st-thomas-2022/>



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. Education for Ministry

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 year 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 at ray.wheeler60@gmail.com or 913-269-0542

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Dear Members of St. Thomas,

There are not enough words to tell you how we feel. You were with us in thoughts, phone calls, visits and prayers from the beginning of our journey. We asked for two meals and received two weeks worth. The reception was full of love and cookies. We asked for music at Jerry's memorial and received beautiful piano music from Dr. Elswick accompanied by Meribeth's obo and Barbara's beautiful voice. Father Gar was with us every day and sometimes twice a day. Deacon Fran gave Jerry his last communion. Mother Kelly administered his last rites. Joining St. Thomas 35 years ago was the best faith decision we ever made. Thank you for your love.

The Family of Jerry Snider

Connie, Cori, Jeremy and the 6 grandchildren of the "cool" grandpa.

Tower Talk

June 11 & 12, 2022



Our Worship Services

Saturday, 5:30pm
Sunday, 8:45 and 11:00am
(Masks are optional)

Children's Church (for children ages 3-10) is offered during the "Liturgy of the Word" at the 8:45 and 11:00 services.

Nursery Care is available for children ages 6 months through 4 years from 8:30am until after the 11:00 service.

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward:

www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and

www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Adult Forum - will meet in Parish Hall 2 starting at 10am.

Sunday Christian Education

Children's Sunday School "Summer Sundays"
9:45-10:45am in the Education Wing.

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Neighborhood Group Signup

If you have not yet signed up to be involved in a St. Thomas neighborhood group there is still time! You can either sign up at church (where you can even find your house on the map and stick a pin in it) OR you can fill out this breeze form—

<https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/656f0c> to let us know you are interested! Neighborhood groups are a great way to get to know and reconnect with other St. Thomas folks. Everyone is encouraged to join! Starting later in the summer the neighborhood anchors will contact everyone who has signed up and plan get togethers.

UP NEXT:

Saturday, June 11: Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception after service

Sunday, June 12: Holy Communion, 8:45 and 11:00am Nave; Christian Education schedule front below;

Monday, June 13: Middle School ROTC, 9am meet in PH, then to locations; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1/Kitchen; AA Fellowship, 6:30pm LL

Tuesday, June 14: Middle School ROTC, 9am meet in PH, then to locations; PEO mtg, 10-11:30am PH 2; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm PH 2

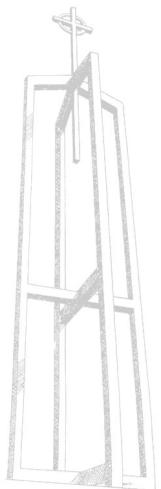
Wednesday, June 15: Middle School ROTC, 9am meet in PH, then to locations; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH1/Kitchen; Staff mtg, 1:30pm Lobby or PH 1; Pinehurst HOA mtg, 6-8pm PH 1; AA Fellowship, 7:30 LL

Thursday, June 16: Middle School ROTC, 9am meet in PH, then to locations; PEO mtg, 7pm Asbly; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3; Al-Anon Family Grp, 7pm LL

Friday, June 17: Middle School ROTC, 9am meet in PH, then to locations; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH/K; SCA, 7pm PH 1; AA Fellowship, 8pm LL

Church office hours: Mon.— Thurs. 9am to 5pm; Fri. 9am to Noon

All meetings and events must be cleared with Meribeth in the church office. mrisebig@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.



Outreach

**Mobile Food Pantry
Next Volunteer Opportunity: June 11**

**Comanche Elementary 8200 Grant Ave,
Overland Park, KS**

Time: 11:30am—2:00pm

Additional information and volunteer signups for June 11 through August 13, 2022 may be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-mobile2>



**Caring for Kids—Comanche Elementary Outreach Opportunity:
*Partners in Community...
Making a Difference!***



This summer, Comanche Elementary is excited to offer Camp Invention for their students. This is an amazing STEM oriented week of learning and leadership building for the students that is provided through the nonprofit National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF). Students who have attended in the past have loved it!

The registration cost to attend this camp can be quite costly for students and their families, and though the school has funding to support 8 students, there is a need for additional scholarship support. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this program with a **\$25, \$50 or if you feel so called, to a full scholarship donation**. A \$245 donation supports a full scholarship for one child to attend the program. Please know that *your gift in any amount will make a difference for the students*.

Below is a link to learn more about the program. It contains a short one-minute video along with donation information. Please take a moment to check it out.

<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/CampInvention/team/CKS330410622>

The Episcopal Church at Pride Kansas City - Friday-Sunday, June 10-12

Will you join us in affirming God's love to all this June? Three Diocese of West Missouri parishes have taken the lead in the Episcopal Church's presence at Pride Kansas City – inviting congregations the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas to join as well. Since St. Thomas embraces the ministry and witness of LGBTQ+ persons you are invited to join us! We will host a booth at the Festival on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in Theis Park (lawn south of the Nelson Art Gallery) and march in the parade Saturday morning! We need your friendliest faces, swinging-est banners and welcoming literature to extend this love. The parishes taking the lead are St. Andrew's Brookside, St. Mary's Downtown, and St. Paul's Westport/Midtown. If you are interested in helping with or marching in the parade, check out the Pride Parade info on St. Paul's website (<https://www.stpaulskcmo.org/to-play>), or email Heidi Carter (hcarter@stpaulskcmo.org), at St. Paul's. If you would like to be involved with the booth at the Festival, you may sign up to volunteer (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4FA4A729A6F85-pridefest>), or contact Jean Long (jean@standrewkc.org) at St. Andrew's.

