

Children & Youth

- **Donations Requested for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

Sunday, April 16 during the Education Hour

We need to stuff nearly 1,000 EGGS! Your donations of small trinket gifts (stickers, erasers, mini-stampers, temporary tattoos) and non-chocolate candies will be gratefully received, and stuffed by volunteers in the church. Donations can be dropped in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you!



- **Summer Camp Registrations Are Open!**

** Links to register can be found in your weekly "Connecting with You" email and a QR code is located on the display board in the lobby!**

Episcopal "Mega Camp" (incoming 4th graders-college freshmen: June 4-10 (at Camp Wood YMCA in Elmdale, KS)

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 6th-9th grades: June 12-16

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 9th-college freshmen: June 19-23

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 3rd-6th grades: July 10-14

Vacation Bible Camp—"Be who you are called to BE!" (Preschool-6th grade): June 25-29, 5-8pm (Sun-Thur)

Youth Mission Trip for incoming 6th-college freshmen: July 16-22. Contact Rev. Kelly Demo kdemo@stthomasop.org

Arts Camp for incoming 1st-6th grade: July 24-28, 9am-3pm

- **Celebrating Our Children & Youth!**

We know your kiddos are up to GREAT THINGS! We want to hear and celebrate with them! Please brag away! 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!

Worship Services

April 8 & 9, 2023

Easter Vigil, Saturday—5:30pm

Easter Sunday—6:30am in the Apostle's Garden
8:45 and 11:00am

Children's Chapel (program geared toward ages 3-10) is available during both Sunday services.

Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 mon. thru 4 yrs from 8:15am—12:15pm.

** Coffee hours will not be held this weekend. **

If you are unable to attend any of the services in person, you are invited to join us online. All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Sunday Christian Education

- **Adult Forum** *will not meet on Easter Sunday. Stay tuned for information about future classes.*
- **Preschool-Elementary "Godly Play/Godly Explorers"**-9:45-10:45am
Preschool thru 5th grade in Education Wing
Classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.
- **Youth Christian Education**
9:45-10:30am—Middle School - 6th-8th Grades in Asbly High School "Giving Project" - Basement Asbly Rm
Classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.



April & May Events at St Thomas

- **Celebration Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt**
Sunday, April 16 during the Education Hour
Donations needed for the Easter egg hunt. See Children & Youth.
- **Senior Graduation Sunday—May 7**
If you know of someone graduating please contact Mthr. Kelly at kdemo@stthomasop.org. More info on back!
- **Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction—Saturday, April 22—6:30-8:30pm**
More information included on back.
- **Kansas to Kenya (K2K) Fundraiser Dinner**
Saturday, May 13, 6-9pm at St. Thomas
More information to be announced.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive**
Tuesday, May 16, 10am-3pm

Outreach

Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network

- **HOST Week Update & Prayer Request**

IHN guests will be at St. Thomas April 9-16 for evening meals, to spend the evening and sleep overnight here. We ask prayers for those we serve and IHN staff and Board. We also give thanks for our wonderful volunteers and supporters from St. Thomas and our support congregations, Church of Jesus Christ, OP First Assembly of God, and Atonement Lutheran. With the help of many, "We Make a Difference."

- Comanche Elementary Caring for Kids Ministry
Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed
May 13, 11:30am—2pm

Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

Click the QR for more info and volunteer signups. A link is also found in your weekly email.



Prayer Chain Sign-up

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. **Matthew 21:22**

The St. Thomas Prayer Chain is an automated calling system that relays prayer requests to over 60 people in a timely manner. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain to receive prayer requests, call the church at 451-0512, send an email to Justin—jsmith@stthomasop.org or fill out the short form via this QR code.



Next Week

IHN Host Week Apr 9—15: Classrooms and Asbly Rm in Education Wing

Sunday, April 9: Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11am; Coffee Hours after each service in PH 1; Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Youth Group classes will not meet this week.

Monday, April 10: Church Office closed; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; LGBTQIA+ Alliance, 7:30pm (off-site)

Tuesday, April 11: PEO mtg, 10am PH 2; PEO mtg, 12-3:30pm PH 3; Mom's Sm Grp, 5-6:30pm Rm 143 & Nursery; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2


Wednesday, April 12: PEO mtg, 9:30-11:30am PH 2; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Staff mtg, 1:30pm PH1 or Lobby; Children's Choir practice, 5-6pm Nave; Praise Band practice, 6:30pm in Nave; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, April 13: Apocrypha Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; PEO mtg, 10-11:30am PH 2; Ramadan Dinner, 6:30-8:30pm PH 1, 2; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm PH 3; Sword Guild, 7pm outdoors

Friday, April 14: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen

Saturday, April 15: Stonehaven Town Hall, 9:30am-12 PH 2; Prayer Shawl Grp, 10am, PH 1; Ultreya Planning mtg, 10-11am Asbly Rm

Sunday, April 16: Celebration Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt; Holy Communion 8:45am and 11:00am in Nave; Sunday School & Adult Forum, 9:45am Educ Wing and 2; Youth homework session, 5:15pm, PH 1, 2; Youth Group, 6-8pm PH and Kitchen



The church office will be closed the Monday after Easter, April 10.

Save these Dates!

- **Are you graduating this year?**
Senior Graduation Sunday—May 7

Congratulations! We want to celebrate all of our St. Thomas friends who are graduating from *high school, college or grad school!* We will honor them on **May 7**. Please reach out to Mthr. Kelly Demo at kdemo@stthomasop.org to give the details!

- **Mission Trip Fundraiser & Silent Auction**
Saturday, April 22—6:30-8:30pm

Everyone is invited to the youth community's mission trip fundraiser. Since we'll be headed to Kentucky our theme is "Kentucky Derby." Wear your best hat and seersucker suit for an evening of southern food and fun!



Silent Auction Donations Welcome

We will be in need of items to auction. A few suggestions: donate goods or services from your business, share a condo or other experience, give a gift card to a favorite restaurant. Please talk to a youth or to Mthr. Kelly if you have a donation!

Meetings, activities, and events must be cleared with Justin Smith in the church office. jsmith@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.