

New Day by Days are here!

■ WHAT IS *FORWARD DAY BY DAY*?

A quarterly booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting specific Bible passages. The meditations offer a wide range of witness and experiences written by three authors (names & bios in weekly email).

■ WHERE CAN I PICK UP A *DAY BY DAY*? They are located on a shelf in the lobby. Regular and large print are available.

■ HOW MUCH ARE THEY? Small *Day by Days* are marked \$1.25 and large print \$1.75, but any amount is welcome.

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and...

In thanksgiving for family and friends and in celebration of our 68th wedding anniversary—Lea and Marianne Rowland



Altar Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, special occasion, anniversary, or birthday. You may sign up via the QR code on left, with the link in your weekly “Connecting with You” email, or write your name on the flower chart outside the church office.



Save these dates!

■ **BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSINGS & BASH!**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 • Kids—bring your backpacks, and all students and educators at any level will be called forward during the service for a special blessing and small gift from the church to bless you on your learning journey this year. Afterward there will be delicious food and a waterslide/yard games! See you there!

■ **YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF** • SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 6-8PM

■ **ACOLYTE & JR USHER TRAINING**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 11:30-2:30PM

■ **TWO SERVICES & CHRISTIAN FORMATION RESUME**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • We'll return to 2 services on Sunday—8:45 and 11am. Christian Formation Kick-Off, 9:45-10:45am

■ **ROTC 4 ALL** • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 9AM-3PM, PARISH HALLS 1-2

bulletin bloopers 🤔

“Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Prayer & Fasting Conference. The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

Remember in prayer those who are sick of our church and community.”



Worship with us this weekend!

Saturday, Aug 10 – 5:30pm

Sunday, Aug 11 – 10:00am

The Vestry will prepare brunch this Sunday in the Parish Hall after the 10am service. Cost is \$5 per person, with kids under 6 free. All are welcome!

Children's Corner activities in the Parish Hall following the 10am worship.

Sundays: Coffee Hour from 9-10am in Parish Hall 1. Children's Church (geared toward ages 3-10) during the 10am service. Nursery care (6 mos thru 4 yrs), 9:30-11:30am (or end of service).

Services are live-streamed and available afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop & www.facebook.com/stthomasop

this Sunday

■ **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONAL MTG** • Sunday, August 11, 12-1pm, Parish Hall 1-2

Join a Capital Campaign team - Prayer/Events/Thanks/Youth Ambassador/Communications (all short-term commitments). Childcare available upon request.

■ **VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMER BRUNCH**

Please consider helping out one or two weeks in August. The QR code will take you to the signup.



calendar for August 9-17

Friday, Aug 9: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, Asbly Rm; Campaign "Ambassador" mtg, 11am-12, Rm 137; Jane Hoppe Neighborhood Grp, 5:30-7:30pm, PH 1

Saturday, Aug 10: Women's Group, 10-11am, Pilgrim Coffee; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, Narthex; Birthday Party, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 2; Comanche Food Pantry, 11:30am-1:30pm; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Sat Reception, 6:30-7:30pm, PH 1

Sunday, Aug 11: Coffee Hour, 9-10am, PH 1; Nursery open 9:30-11:30; Praise Band/Choir rehearsal, 9-9:45am, Nave; Holy Communion, 10:00am, Nave; Parish Brunch, 11am-12, PH 1-2; Campaign Prayer mtg, 2-3pm, Rm 137

Monday, Aug 12: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen; Dutra Group, 6-8pm, PH 2/Kitchen

Tuesday, Aug 13: PEO mtg, 9-11:30am, Asbly Rm; Organ practice, 10am-12, Nave loft; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 1 or Outside

Wednesday, Aug 14: PEO mtg, 9am-12; PH 2; Staff mtg, 10am, Rm 137; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen; Voice lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm

Thursday, Aug 15: Music lesson, 4-5pm, Nave; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 2; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 1

Friday, Aug 16: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Saturday, Aug 17: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, Narthex; Staley Wedding, 2-3pm, Nave; Celebration of Life, 4-7pm, PH 1-2; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave

Please contact Justin Smith to schedule your meeting or event — jsmith@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun, Aug 18: Back to School Backpack Blessings & Bash/Picnic, 10-12; Youth Group Kick-Off, 6-8pm

Sept 4 & 5: Choir and Praise Band Rehearsals start up

small groups/study groups

If you'd like to inquire or join a group, please contact Mthr Kelly (kdemo@stthomasop.org) or leaders below.

- **PRAYER SHAWL SMALL GROUP**
Saturdays, 10am-12, Narthex
1st Mondays, 7:30pm, Narthex

Knit, crochet, or weave prayer shawls, hats, and 8" squares. Free knitting and crochet lessons. Call Sue Strom for details on lessons, and about giving a prayer shawl. (913) 244-6402 or susanstrom15@gmail.com

- **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Sat, Aug 10, 10am, at Pilgrim Coffee, 12643 Metcalf
Contact: Mother Kelly Demo, kdemo@stthomasop.org.

- **EXPLORERS SMALL GROUP**

Thursday, Aug 15, 7-8pm, PH 2

Explores the Scripture and the World around us. Contact: John McNown johnmnown44@gmail.com

TAKE NOTE:

- **MOM'S GROUP TO START IN AUGUST**

Stay tuned for more info!

- **LGBTQIA+ HAS RESCHEDULED THEIR SEPTEMBER MTG**

to Wednesday, Sept 4, 7pm, in Parish Hall 2.

community outreach

- **IMMIGRATION MINISTRY SEEKS HELP**

Our Immigration Ministries team has identified ongoing and back-to-school needs for our immigrant families. They have tapped into community resources, but housing expenses, shoes, clothing, dental/vision, and transportation require our support. **Please consider making a monetary donation to support these fundamental needs!**

In-kind donations needed: ** Reliable car (Contact Fr. Gar to learn how to make an in-kind charitable donation.)

To donate you can send a check to St Thomas (or drop in collection plate) with "Immigration" in the memo line. Or use our online donation (QR), and select "Immigration Fund."

Finally, if you or someone you know has a **4-bedroom property for rent**, contact Steve or Tracie Glasscock (sglasscock@everestkc.net or tglasscock26@gmail.com) *More info about the rental property and families and ministry can be found in your weekly "Connecting" email!*



- **THANK YOU** to all who contributed school supplies for Comanche Elementary, and to each of the Thom's Helpers volunteers who helped deliver them to the school. We provided 50 students, grades K-6, with backpacks filled with supplies for this school year, as well as extra earbuds, headphones, and scissors.



- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EVERY MONTH**

2nd Saturday—Sept 14 • 11:30am

Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS



Scan the QR for more info and volunteer signups. A link is also included in your weekly "Connecting with You" email. We always need volunteers!