

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 my twin granddaughters (Hannah and Chloe Pearce) on their 22nd birthdays—Jay Lehnertz

In celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary—Anne & Bill Kidder



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 right, with the link in your weekly "Connecting with You" email, or write your name on the flower chart outside the church office.



children & youth

■ MISSION TRIP YOUTH PREPARE LUNCH & GIVE TALK

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 • after the 10am service in Parish Halls 1, 2

The Youth who went on a Mission Trip to Chicago earlier in July will cook and prepare a Taco Bar AND talk about their awesome trip to Chicago.

Save these dates!

■ 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.

■ BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSINGS & BASH!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 • Blessings during the 10:00 service, then a picnic in Parish Hall & entertainment afterward!

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

■ ACOLYTE & JR USHER TRAINING

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

■ ROTC 4 ALL • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 9AM-3PM,

PARISH HALLS 1-2

bulletin bloopers

"The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday at 10am. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the *B.S.*"



Worship with us this weekend!

Saturday, Aug 3 – 5:30pm

Sunday, Aug 4 – 10:00am

The Mission Trip Youth will prepare brunch this Sunday in the Parish Hall after the 10am service. The menu is a Taco Bar. 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

■ MISSION TRIP YOUTH PREPARE TACO BAR & TALK ABOUT RECENT TRIP TO CHICAGO • after 10am service, Parish Halls 1, 2

■ NEWCOMER LUNCH • 11:15am, Parish Hall 3

For new members & visitors—Learn about St. Thomas and meet other new members!

■ 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 2-10

Friday, Aug 2: Arts Camp, 9am-3pm, all church; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, Asbly Rm; Arts Camp Showcase, 3-5pm, Nave; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Saturday, Aug 3: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, Narthex; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave

Sunday, Aug 4: Nursery open 9:30-11:30; Coffee Hour, 9-10am, PH 1; Praise Band rehearsal, 9-9:45am, Nave; Holy Communion, 10:00am, Nave; Parish Brunch, 11am-12 + Youth Mission Trip Talk after the service in Parish Halls 1-2; Newcomer Lunch, 11:15am, PH 3

Monday, Aug 5: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen; Election Setup, 5-8pm, PH 1, 2; LGBTQIA+ mtg, 7pm, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm, Narthex

Tuesday, Aug 6: JoCo Election, 7am-7pm, PH 1-2; Organ practice, 10am-12, Nave loft; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, Outside; Election cleanup, 7-8pm, PH 1-2

Wednesday, Aug 7: Staff mtg, 10am, Rm 137; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen; Voice lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm

Thursday, Aug 8: Music lesson, 4-5pm, Nave; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, Johnny's 119th St; Classic Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 2

Friday, Aug 9: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen; 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; Zach Verhulst birthday party, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 2; Comanche Food Pantry, 11:30am-1:30pm; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Saturday after service, PH 1

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon, Aug 12: Dutra Group, 6-8pm, PH 2/Kitchen

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

Sun, Sept 8: Back to 2 services on Sunday—8:45 and 11:00am. Christian Education Kick-Off, 9:45-10:45am.

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**
Saturday, Aug 3, 10am-12, Narthex
Monday, Aug 5, 7:30pm, Narthex (1st Mondays)

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

- **LGBTQIA+ SMALL GROUP**
Monday, Aug 5, 7-8pm, Assembly Rm

This group invites any members of the parish (all ages) to attend—the LGBTQ+ community as well as ally's (friends, relatives, supporters). Contact John Pfannes john.pfannes@att.net.

- **YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP**
Thursday, Aug 8, 7-8pm, Johnny's on 119th St

Young adults meet for support and friendship to see where God is leading them in life. 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Contact Tim Pullin pullin.tim.a@gmail.com

- **CLASSICS MEN'S SMALL GROUP**
Thurs, Aug 8, 7pm, PH 3 (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

For retired and semi-retired men. Contact Tom Meyers tmeyers922@gmail.com

- **WOMEN'S GROUP**
Sat, Aug 10, 10am, at Pilgrim Coffee, 12643 Metcalf
Contact: Mother Kelly Demo, kdemo@stthomasop.org.

MORE IN AUGUST...

- **MOM'S GROUP TO START AGAIN IN AUGUST**
Stay tuned for more info!

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: *Bicycle for 10-year-old girl; * 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!*

■ FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEXT SATURDAY

2nd Saturday—August 10 • 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!

■ BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL

If you were unable to donate blood during our Blood Drive this month, another one will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal (5325 Nieman Rd, Shawnee, KS) on Wednesday, **August 7, 2-6pm**. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter **StLukes**.