



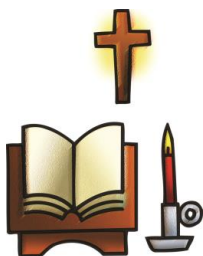
WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*and* UPCOMING EVENTS  
*for the week of*  
*October 25, 2020*

We are a Christ-centered community that  
lives, shares and celebrates God's grace with  
all people!

**ST. THOMAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **October 25, Reformation Sunday**



We continue with our virtual "patchwork" worship service. The service will be available on YouTube at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

**Congratulations to** Noah Smith and Sophia Watters who will be confirmed.

**Use this link to access the service:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZYJspofu3RT1YfCuzi0hw>  
or access the link from the St Thomas website (stlconline.org).



### **Giving in the month of September was**

**approximately half** of what it has been in past years. We are very grateful for the gifts we have received and humbly ask that, if you are able,

consider an additional gift to St. Thomas by mailing a donation or by giving online [here](#). ~Dean Arnold, St. Thomas Council President

**All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 1.** For our Remembrance of the Saints on that day, we are asking members of the congregation to please submit photographs of people - family members, friends, or community members - who they would like remembered on this day. These photos do not have to represent people who have died in the past year, but simply those nearest to our hearts. Please include the name, year of birth, and year of death. There are three ways to submit these photos:

- 1) Clicking on this Dropbox link. List *your* name as the first name and the name of the person and their birth and death years as the last name. <https://www.dropbox.com/request/DxqnxBJrOPaQisjPFRLV>
- 2) Sending an email to [powellam@iu.edu](mailto:powellam@iu.edu) . Please send one email per submitted photo and include the person's names and dates in the subject line.
- 3) Leave a photo in the box by the east entrance, off the Sunday School wing. Please put each photo in an envelope with your name, the name of the person in the photograph, and their birth and death year on the outside of the envelope. We are not able to return photographs as this time.

**The Fiber Arts Spiritual Growth Group** will meet on Zoom at 10 am on Saturday, October 31. Costumes optional! Come to show off what you're making, or to hear Susan Hiller read us a poem, or to sing a song, hear a Bible story, or just see some different faces. Here's the link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73415530998?pwd=QVN3QXpBNnIsdWl1WW85Rk0wK3NDQT09>

Meeting ID: 734 1553 0998. Passcode: 942348

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**MCUM Each One Feed One:** Saturday, November 7 1:00-3:00, St. Thomas parking lot.

**1 in 4 local families is considered food-insecure.** Due to the rising need in our community brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas will host an Each One, Feed One food drive, so please mark your calendars and spread the word! The MCUM pantry relies on 7,000 pounds of food each month. Let's support the members of our community who need it the most. Questions: Contact Helen Ingersoll 812-339-9610.

### **Garden Chats with Pr. Adrienne**

Join Pr. Adrienne for one-on-one conversations in the community garden. Individuals, or couples or families who all live together, are welcome to sign up for these chats. There is no agenda, but is a way for you to share a bit of yourself and your life with Pr. Adrienne and for her to introduce herself to you. Please wear a mask. These conversations will be rescheduled if it rains. Sign up at this link:



<https://calendly.com/pastoradrienne/chats-with-pr-a> or call the church office.

### **Zoom Chats with Pr. Adrienne**

Sign up for a time to meet with Pr. Adrienne one-on-one-or-more via Zoom. These chats also have no agenda, and you're welcome to invite your bridge group or your away-at-school college kids. Sign up at this link: <https://calendly.com/pastoradrienne/chats-with-pr-a> or call the church office.

### **Lutheran Campus Ministry Supports Middle Way House:**

There will be a collection box located in front of the garage at the Rose House 314 S Rose Ave **from October 1<sup>st</sup>- October 31<sup>st</sup>** for people to drop off donations.

The drop box will be checked at least every other day. If you have any questions, or have a large quantity of items to donate that may not fit in the collection box, please contact Pastor Amanda at [lutheran@indiana.edu](mailto:lutheran@indiana.edu) or text 419-410-7447. Thank you for your help.

#### **Specific items that have been requested are:**

- Men's large long sleeve shirts
- Men's winter gloves and winter hats
- Women's belts gently used or new
- Disinfectant wipes; Sanitizer
- Kid sizes 2-8 fall & winter clothing
- Women's Size Large, XL, XXL fall and winter clothing

### **New Hope for Families**

A heartfelt and grateful thank-you for your ongoing support of this mission. Your financial contributions, donations of goods, and your prayers, are making a difference in the lives of these families in our community who are striving to move from homelessness to stability.

As winter approaches, and we remain in the midst of a global pandemic, the need is increasing! Thom Atkinson, Development Assistant at New Hope for Families, said this week that money is currently their most immediate need. It gives the mission flexibility to address the most immediate needs as they arise.

Checks can be made out to St. Thomas Lutheran Church with New Hope for Families in the memo line and mailed to the church office.

#### **Please see the upcoming November Newsletter for information**



**about** *Hope for the Holidays Tree Extravaganza & Auction* to benefit New Hope for Families! St Thomas members will have the opportunity to donate ornaments for decorating a tree or wreath.

**This winter the Wheeler Mission is operating Bloomington's Winter Contingency Shelter.** They are looking for volunteer helpers over age 18 in three categories: Clean Up (*strip beds, sort and bag linens, wipe*

*down mattresses and bunk bed frames); Bagging/Check In (bag belongings, check in guests, hand out bedrolls, assist guests in locating correct bunks); and Meals (serve meals or provide an evening snack).* Upcoming volunteer training dates are October 26 from 10-10:45 am and October 29 from 6-6:45 pm, but training is not required. Since time is short, you might need to register for training by calling the Bloomington administrative office at 812.727.6300. General information about the shelter is here: <https://wheelermission.org/preparing-for-winter-contingency-in-bloomington/> More information about volunteering is here: [https://wheelervolunteer.org/custom/504/volunteer\\_home](https://wheelervolunteer.org/custom/504/volunteer_home)

### **ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY**

The Shalom Community Center will be hosting its third annual "Fireside Gala" (virtually, of course.) The date will be **Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 6:30-7:30pm.**

There will be a brief program with music and speakers and there are two options to contribute to Bloomington's outstanding program which serves the homeless. A \$30 contribution is suggested. For \$50 you can obtain a dinner from one of 3 Bloomington restaurants: Grazie, Malibu Grill, or Hive. You place the order and pick up your own dinner.

Check out facebook.com/shalomcommunitycenter or the Shalom website, [www.shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://www.shalomcommunitycenter.org) for ticket sales and for placing your Fireside Food order! For more information, contact Doug Bauder at [dbauder@indiana.edu](mailto:dbauder@indiana.edu) or by calling 812-325-7889.

In these difficult days, being homeless poses horrendous challenges to which the Shalom Center is responding in miraculous ways!



#### **Want to join our St. Thomas email prayer chain?**

Do you have prayer requests? Contact Susan Colston [skcolston@aol.com](mailto:skcolston@aol.com) for further information.

**Prayers for those with health and safety concerns:** Jim Ward, Bruce Herlin, Carole Kirsch, Tim Kirsch, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Erica Marer, Bev Hanna, Liz Caemmerer, Audrey Alpers, JoAnne Namy, Deborah O'Brien, and Casey-Marie.