



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
and UPCOMING EVENTS
for the week of
November 15, 2020

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

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November 15, 24th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Use this link to access the service:

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

Please attend!

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting:
Nov 15, 2020 1:00 PM
Join Zoom Meeting:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88271209131?pwd=c2hiWm9xQTZXakNCU21wWVN6bGRSUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 7120 9131
Passcode: 480563

Women's Bible Study via Zoom: Sunday, Nov 15 @ 10:00 AM
Contact Kari Esarey for more information. kesarey@mccsc.edu or 812-219-4177.

Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the church year, offers us the chance to celebrate the Reign of God. We celebrate God's Reign as already come among us and the great hope of our future. We celebrate it as a kin-dom gathered not around the trappings of power, but around the cross. For worship on this Sunday, November 22, we would like to have a procession of crosses from the lives of our members. Share a picture of a cross in your home or another special place using this dropbox link (<https://bit.ly/stlcphotos>) or the collection box by the east door. Hand-drawn kid art is also welcome and encouraged. All photos are due by midnight, Wednesday, November 18.

The St. Thomas Fiber Arts Spiritual Support Group will meet via Zoom on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 until 11:30 or thereabouts. You are welcome to drop in any time during the meeting! If you'd like the Zoom link, please contact Pamela Smith [narthex@baba-yaga.org or 812 323 1817].

MCUM

FOOD INSECURITY.....not many of us have that experience, but just imagine not eating so your kids can eat....not just one meal, but on a regular basis - or imagine not being able to feed your kids at all.

THANK YOU for helping with and donating to the MCUM Food Drive last weekend. A special shout-out to Chris, Dawn, Suzanne, Jim and Susan. Thank you all for caring....

THANK YOU SO MUCH!! You donated 317 pounds!!!

New Hope for Families



A reminder that St. Thomas' two decorated Christmas trees will be on display in the Pavilion at Switchyard Park, 1601 S. Rogers Street, from November 17-19 from 4-8 p.m. All donated trees will be auctioned off at the Pavilion on November 19, starting at 6 p.m. We invite you to come and view all of the trees decorated and donated by the community. Also, we invite you to attend the auction and

bid on either of the St. Thomas entries or on any of the other many submissions. **100 % of the proceeds will go to support New Hope for Families.** We are grateful for all in the congregation who have so generously donated or volunteered their time in this project.

With the colder months fast approaching and COVID still on the rise, the need to support this mission is great. A monetary donation to New Hope for Families will provide services, food and shelter to homeless families and help them move from homelessness to stability. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas Lutheran Church with New Hope for Families in the memo line.

Online Shopping for Fair-Trade Gifts & Goodies

It's that time of year again! St. Thomas' Sister Parish committee invites you to do some [holiday shopping](#) to help fund future delegation trips between Chichipate, Guatemala and Bloomington, Indiana.

You'll find past favorites - such as chocolate bars and Christmas decorations - and much more through [this online sales event](#). Help us surpass our sales goal of \$1000 by Christmas, which will enable us to earn an even higher commission while also supporting the mission of SERRV, an international fair-trade nonprofit established in 1949. It's a win-win-win!



[Use our custom web link](#) to see all SERRV's handcrafts and order items that will be shipped directly to you. (Check that you see St. Thomas in an orange banner at the top of the page to ensure your order is being applied to this fundraiser.) Please also share [this custom web link](#) with anyone you know who would appreciate SERRV items and enjoy supporting Sister Parish!

If you would like help making an order, please contact Kaye Hill at kayehill48@gmail.com. She may not be sitting behind a table in the narthex this year, but she and her team are on the job!

Supporting our Missions through Amazon Smile

- Invitation from Ronna Papesh

If you are unable to shop locally, I invite you to designate one of our St. Thomas mission partners as a recipient at smile.amazon.com. Katcha and I designated **Sister Parish, Inc.** as our charity, and would appreciate others doing so as well. Once you have selected a charity, you only need to confirm you see the word "smile" in the address bar as you are making purchases at Amazon to generate funds for your designated mission. I know of other St. Thomas members who designated **LuMin** (Lutheran Campus Ministry Board – Bloomington IN), **Lutheran Hills Camp** (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

Indiana/Kentucky), **MCUM** (Monroe County United Ministries), and other missions listed on the St. Thomas website. So, if you are already shopping on Amazon, please consider shopping on Amazon Smile instead to support our missions.



Want to join our St. Thomas email prayer chain?

Do you have prayer requests? Contact Susan Colston skolston@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.



If you did not receive a **pledge card** and letter from Pr. Adrienne you may contact Susan in the church office to receive them.

susank@stlconline.org

Chats with Pr. Adrienne

Join Pr. Adrienne for one-on-one conversations in the narthex or on Zoom. 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. Sign up at this link: <https://calendly.com/pastoradrienne/chats-with-pr-a> or call the church office.

Job Opening

We are excited to announce an opening for the *Minister of Youth and Christian Nurture* at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. The layperson in this half-time position is responsible for the development and coordination of educational programs and activities that connect the young people

of the congregation (PreK-12) to God's people within the church, the local community, the synod, and the world.

Qualifications

- Active congregational membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) or one of our [Full Communion Partners](#)
- Three or more years' experience in education, child and youth mental health, a youth related non-profit, or similar experience
- Is certified or willing to become certified in Mental Health First Aid, such as offered through the [National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#), or has other professional mental health qualifications
- Has updated CPR training/certification, preferred

Key Attributes - We seek someone who

- Loves the Lord
 - Expresses their faith in a way that is open and honest
 - Possesses faith founded in Luther's grace-oriented theology of the cross
 - Models the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a faith-filled and faithful life
- Engages people
 - Enjoys being with children, adolescents, and their families
 - Inspires others in a fun and friendly way
 - Creates meaningful activities, events, and experiences
 - Fosters deep connections with and between the people of God
- Acts with compassion
 - Listens attentively and is tuned in to the emotions others are experiencing
 - Cultivates healthy relationships with and among the youth and their families
 - Prioritizes and cultivates kindness, acceptance, and love

- Works with the congregation in striving for peace and justice in our community and world
- Innovates
 - Cultivates creative problem-solving
 - Shepherds volunteers and colleagues in their work with the congregation's children and young people
 - Connects others to helpful resources
 - Acts as a conduit between children, youth, and other members of the congregation

Accepting Candidates

If you have experience working with children, you are a nurturing leader who demonstrates creativity and flexibility, and you can lead a team to provide enriching activities for children and youth, please consider this position.

To apply, send a cover letter and resumé to susank@stlconline.org. We have a welcoming community that values education and the gifts young people bring to our congregation. You can [see the full job description](#) at www.stlconline.org.