



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
and UPCOMING EVENTS
for the week of
February 28, 2021

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

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February 28, Second Sunday in Lent

We continue with our virtual worship service. The service will be available on YouTube at 11:00 a.m. Sunday. You may use this link to access the service:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StThomasLutheranChurchBloomington>

LENT SERVICES

Prayer at Noon on Zoom for Lent begins Wednesday, February 24. The link to join is: <http://bit.ly/2020lentnoonprayer>. If you cannot join us, but have a prayer request, please contact Pr. Adrienne at pastoradrienne@gmail.com.

Night Prayer, also called Compline, will anchor our midweek services this year. This quiet, calm, chanted service will offer us time to reflect on our sometimes messy lives and the many ways God persistently blesses our mess. These services will premier on our [YouTube page](#) at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays, February 24–March 24.

Meet with Pastor Lecia

Pastor Lecia is available to meet with you! For anyone who would like to meet, especially families with youth and children, I invite you to [sign up for a time with me](#) (<https://doodle.com/mm/902967895/meetings>) on Zoom. If you would like to schedule a time outside of those available, please email pastorleciabeck@gmail.com.

On Easter Sunday, our joyous Festival Service including our virtual choir and guest musicians will premiere on YouTube at 11am. We will also have a live, in person Easter Sunrise Service at 8:00am.

We are currently compiling a list of Frequently Asked Questions about this service [here](#).

Please help us prepare for Easter Worship by answering [this two question survey](#).



New Members

Have you been worshipping with us through the pandemic and want to relate more closely with our congregation? Have you recently moved to the area and are looking for a congregation in the ELCA to worship with? We are eager for you to join us. Pr. Adrienne will be hosting new member classes in March (Sundays, March 14, 21, 28 at 10:10am on Zoom). If you are interested in participating or in meeting with Pr. Adrienne, please email her (pastoradrienne@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

Mission Book Group, Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us on March 16 at 7 p.m. for a virtual discussion of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Matthew Desmond. The evening is sponsored by the Mission Committee for the entire congregation, as part of our yearlong emphasis on homelessness and housing insecurity.

We'll read the first section of the book to begin our discussion (107 pages). If you'd like to join us but prefer not to purchase a copy, five copies of the book are available at the church; please call the office to come in and pick one up. The Zoom link for the meeting, and information about online reading guides, will be posted in future weekly bulletins and in the March newsletter.



Thank you for supporting our Guatemalan Sister Parish this spring by shopping fair trade at SERRV International!

Shop this [custom shopping link](#), and we'll earn 20% for our organization.

PLUS: Use promocode SESPRING21 for FREE SHIPPING on orders \$50+ when you place your order March 3-17. Be sure to check out

SERRV's popular Easter collection— this is the perfect time to send an Easter gift to a loved one.

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. If you would like help making an order, please contact Kaye Hill.

Virtual Choir check-ins take place Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Katie Gardiner kegardin@iu.edu or Mike Powell powellam@iu.edu with your interest or questions.

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM)

Cleaning & Hygiene Closet:

Shampoo & Conditioner, Razors, All-purpose cleaner, Wipes, Dish Soap, Diapers, sizes 5 & 6, Laundry Detergent, Shaving Cream, Sponges

Food Pantry:

Reusable/Cloth Bags, Canned Meat (Tuna, chicken, beef), Peanut Butter, Dried Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Ready-to-eat soups / chili / pasta, Frozen meat (1-2 pound ground beef, whole chickens), Canned Vegetables (carrots, greens, potatoes)

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns: Kathy Zellers, Erik Engebretson, Maren Larsen, Betty Smith, Margaret Harter, Shane Clements, Carl Ziegler, Jan Ellis, Amy Bartleson Balcam, Anne Smith, Carole Kirsch, Tim Kirsch, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Audrey Alpers, JoAnne Namy, Deborah O'Brien, and Casey-Marie.



Want to join our St. Thomas email prayer chain?

Do you have prayer requests? Contact Susan Colston skcolston@aol.com for further information.