



**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
and UPCOMING EVENTS
for the week of
May 9, 2021**

**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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May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Virtual worship service is livestreamed at 8:30 a.m. on our YouTube channel. You may use this link to access the service:

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

Small Group Communion Gatherings: Click the link to RSVP, or on our website. For more information, please see the May Newsletter.

- [Sunday, May 9, 4pm](#) on the Patio at St. Thomas (followed by the ECHO Plant Sale)
- [Monday, May 10, 7pm](#) on the Patio at St. Thomas (followed by the ECHO Plant Sale)
- [Saturday, May 15, 10am](#) at Yellowwood State Forest, [Jackson Creek Trailhead](#)
- [Wednesday, May 19, 11am](#) at the home of David and Karen Rohlfing, 488 Fawn Ridge Trail, Bloomington
- [Sunday, May 23, 2pm](#) at Park Ridge East Park (followed by Family Fun Afternoon)

ECHO Plant Sale: Sunday, May 9 at 4:15 pm and Monday, May 10 at 7:15pm. We'd love to have starts and extras of perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, bulbs, saplings, and houseplants (native plants are especially encouraged—let's make garden choices that help our pollinators). Or maybe there's a bare spot in your garden that could be filled with plants from the sale. All proceeds go to support ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) and its mission of combating world hunger through agricultural innovation and education.

Volunteers are needed to help with setting up and running the sale. If interested, please email Vicki Polansky at vwilliam@indiana.edu.

Altar Guild meets Tuesday, May 11 at 5:30 at St. Thomas, circle drive or Heritage Hall.

Confirmation class meets May 16 at 10:30 am

May 16 – Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation, 1:00 pm, via Zoom.

May 30 – Tentative re-start of worship in-person, 8:30 inside and 10:15 outside.

Lutheran Basics: Pr. Adrienne has been creating a Lutheran Basics course for new and life-long Lutherans and everyone in between. Navigate to our website to find the course under the Learn tab. Every Tuesday in May, we will add a new topic for you to explore through art, videos, worship, and a new podcast. On Tuesdays, May 11 and 25, at 7:30 pm you can join Pr. Adrienne in a Zoom conversation to ask questions or share your impressions about the materials. The link to join the Zoom is

here: <https://zoom.us/j/99871580423?pwd=VnFxbVZkSWNIT2ZjWjd0SWQ2OThCQT09>

2021 Time and Talent

We are so grateful for the gifts our members offer to us. As we begin a slow return to our usual schedule and activities and as we add new ministries, such as our video ministry, we would benefit greatly in knowing both your comfort in serving in various capacities and the ministries that excite and interest you the most.

We have prepared an online Time and Talent Survey for [adults](#) and [children and youth](#). These surveys should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Please have each member of your family complete a survey. We will survey you again in 2022, when we are hopefully completely out from the shadow of COVID, so please consider your commitment as it relates to the pandemic. Again, the link for adults is [here](#) and the link for children and youth is [here](#).

Memoirs of Doug Bauder

Retirement has provided one of our members the opportunity to write his memoirs and several members of the congregation have already asked for a copy. A limited number of paperback versions of "The Privilege of Being Queer: A Life of Surprises and Gratitude" by Doug Bauder will be available in the church office for the next few weeks. You may order a copy by emailing Doug at dbauder@indiana.edu and he'll have a signed copy set aside for you to pick up at your convenience in the church office.

The books are available at no cost, but a donation to the Mission Committee at St. Thomas would be appreciated.

Vacation Bible School

Welcome to the River of Life! Join us as we journey down the river to learn about God's gracious gift of water. From the waters of baptism to the waters that sustain farms and gardens, water is life!

We will gather on **Sunday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 12-2pm** for some VBS fun! Come for all the weeks or just one. Families will participate together as we explore a Bible story and learn about the importance of water.

More information and registration at <https://vbsmate.com/events/stlc/20054>.

Altar flowers: You may sign-up for altar flowers by contacting the church office.

New Hope for Families

When families with children are experiencing homelessness, one of the ways New Hope for Families welcomes them into their shelter is by supplying them with items they need to make this place feel comfortable, peaceful, and safe. Household goods, cleaning and hygiene goods, and Amazon or Kroger gift cards are needed. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns: Arnie Pierson, Kathy Zellers, Erik Engebretson, Maren Larsen, Margaret Harter, Shane Clements, Jan Ellis, Anne Smith, Carole Kirsch, Tim Kirsch, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Audrey Alpers, JoAnne Namy, Deborah O'Brien, Nina Ost, Dawn Bakken, 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.