

# A PRAYER FOR *Peace*

## Ash Wednesday

2/18, Noon & 7pm

## Season of Lent

Community Soup Suppers, Wednesdays, 6pm

(beginning 2/25)

Midweek Worship, 7pm

Sundays 8:30am & 11am

## Holy Week

Healing Service, 4/1, 7pm

Maundy Thursday, 4/2, 7pm

Good Friday, 4/3, Noon & 7pm

Easter Vigil, 4/4, 7pm

Easter Sunday, 4/5 8:30am & 11am



## St. Thomas Lutheran Church News

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

## March 2026

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### From the Senior Pastor

When I was an intern, I confessed to my supervising pastor, the Rev. Charlie Strietelmeier, that I found praying with and for people intimidating. All of sudden, I was in situations I'd never been in before, and people were asking me to not just say something, but to say something profound, and to say it *to God*.

Pr. Charlie told me a story of an orthodox priest who had been invited to pray for a group. The priest agreed, but asked for a day to prepare. When the day was up, the priest lit a candle and offered a prayer. It wasn't earth shattering, it was just a prayer. But somewhere within the story is a question about how we enter into the space for prayer.

I had certainly internalized some idea that the perfect prayer is off-the-cuff, extemporaneous. I had internalized that it was also poetic and well-crafted. And, I'd

### What the Senior Pastor is Reading

[\*Night Magic: Adventures Among Glowworms, Moon Gardens, and Other Marvels of the Dark\*](#) by Leigh Ann Henion

Henion had me at lightning bugs. At least half of this book, for me, was a nostalgic memory of chasing fireflies, waiting for 8 o'clock roses to bloom, marveling at hummingbird moths, and falling asleep to the hooting of owls. But Henion's book is one of conservation for the night we are losing and concern about the idolatry of light that does not offer us the protection we think it does.

internalized that as a Christian, let alone a pastor-to-be, I should be able to pray in this way, with great skill, at the drop of a hat.

No wonder so many of us struggle to pray.

When Jesus's disciples asked him to teach them to pray, he gave them the Lord's Prayer. Some argue this is meant as an outline for prayer—and it very well can be—but it is also a prayer in and of itself, available to us any time we feel called into prayer. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther suggests a pattern for daily prayer that includes the Lord's Prayer and a few simple prayers he wrote. He includes a table grace which is still prayed today. Written prayers, historical prayers, rote table graces, prayers we take the time to pen ourselves and pray regularly—these are all perfectly valid prayers.

All of this is to say, if you're struggling to pray, you're not alone. The saints throughout the centuries knew the value and blessing of prayer, and they still struggled to come before God in prayer.

If you'd like to pray, or pray more, consider finding a prayer that speaks to you—where you are right now—write it out by hand and place it somewhere it might be useful to you. Perhaps you find a prayer for before travel that you tuck into your car's cupholder, a prayer about work you put on your keyboard, a new table grace you set on the table, or a prayer for the day ahead you tape to your mirror.

There are lots of resources to pray in this way. The hymnal offers a myriad of prayers in its front matter; *Luther's Small Catechism* near the end of the book; and, at the close of the last red tab (before the psalms and hymns) is a simple prayer called Suffrages, or Responsive Prayer, that can be a way to deepen and lengthen a prayer practice. Vanderbilt's Revised Common Lectionary website (found simply by googling those words) offers prayers for Sunday's worship and thematic, seasonal prayers, like this one, which I offer you as a start in the practice of liturgical prayer:

*Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

In peace,

*Pr. Adrienne*

Pastor Adrienne

One more thing—I am always happy to meet with you! You can schedule an appointment to meet with me [here](#) or by [contacting the church office](#).

## From the Pastor of Youth and Christian Nurture

I regularly meet with a group of youth ministry colleagues around the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. As we gather, each person shares what is going on in their ministry setting and what they are currently working on. Then we ask the question, "What are you looking forward to?"

When I was recently asked this question, I responded that I was looking forward to the Easter Vigil. It feels funny to sit at the beginning of Lent and already anticipate the first celebration of the Resurrection. I love every step of the way through Lent and Holy Week. Yet as I described the surprises and laughter that fill the service, I heard myself say, "I need some joy—a bit of resurrection—in my life right now."

Siblings, the world feels heavy. It forms a murky backdrop to our own griefs and difficulties of life, multiplying the despair. There is a relief to naming this reality of life through Ash Wednesday and Lent, acknowledging our world's brokenness and our mortality. And it is even more relief to know that this is not all that there is—that resurrection is coming. I don't know what the path through Lent to Easter will hold, nor do I know what the road of life through death to resurrection will entail, but I know that God will be with us every step of the way. As the psalmist proclaims, I trust that the Lord will lift us from the miry clay and set our feet upon a high cliff, making our footing sure.

However you are approaching Lent this year, let us cling to the promise of Resurrection for us and for all creation.

Your partner in ministry,

*Pastor Lecia*

Pastor Lecia



## From the Finance Committee

*We are grateful to those who have made additional gifts to support our congregation and its ministries. Please note that gifts offered for specific ministries or mission partners are held in our congregation's restricted funds for their specified purpose and do not affect the general fund nor our congregation's daily expenses.*

Financial status at the end of January 2026 (8.33% of the year):

|                   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Percent</b> | <b>2025</b> |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Income</b>     | \$59,696.71   | 12%            | 14.71%      |
| <b>Expenses</b>   | \$57,454.93   | 12%            | 9.95%       |
| <b>Net Income</b> | \$2,241.78    |                | \$22,367.12 |

Click [here](#) to give to St. Thomas.

## Property Needs and Financial Challenges

Late last year, St. Thomas became aware of two large, urgent property needs. First, a whole was discovered in the roof above Community Hall, under the solar panels. While most of the building had a new roof in 2023, this section of roof was not replaced. We removed and stored the solar panels and replaced the roof, using our Capital Repair Fund. Returning the solar panels to the roof is quite costly, and considering the life of the panels, the Council, Creation Care Committee, and Property Committee are studying options for the congregation's solar future.

Additionally, late in December, we discovered the main sewer line was destroyed by roots where it exits the building, under the front sidewalk. Repairs are underway to replace this section of pipe, again, using the remains of our Capital Repair Fund.

And then there was the snow! Clearing—as best we could—the snow from our lot was very costly. Plowing is charged by 2" depth (so, 12" of snow=6 plows).

Finally, as you may notice in the Finance Committee's report, above, January's giving was down significantly over 2025. While the difference seems like a big number, it amounts to \$125 per household. These gifts keep our building open for community groups like the Bloomington Chamber Singers, the Girl Scouts, and the League of Women Voters to use. They fund worship services that resonate with our lives through word, prayer, music, and sacraments. These gifts nurture a faith in us and our children that is present when the going gets tough. These gifts help fund service and financial support for mission partners near and far. Thank you for your gifts, and for any additional acts of generosity your share with us.

# Celebrating Our Ministry

## Welcome Table Lunches

We set a new record by packing 100 lunch bags in 40 minutes! While we don't try to rush, it is fun to see how much can be accomplished with many hands. Folks gathered to assemble lunch bags filled with a homemade treat from St. Thomas's bakers for the people who gather on Sunday mornings for a warm breakfast at the Welcome Table hosted by the First Christian Church. The project was funded by Thrivent and propelled by St Thomas. Thanks all!



## Beacon's Light the Way Chapel Drive

Three tubs filled with homemade valentines and some candy made it to Beacon's Shalom Center in time for Valentine's Day. The Valentines were made to share God's love and our care with those experiencing homelessness. Along with making valentines, we gathered funds to go towards the building of an All Faiths Chapel in the new Beacon center. Construction will start this spring. An additional \$145 was raised to go along with the over \$58,000 already pledged by St. Thomas members for this project.



### In These Times: 5000-Hour Volunteer Challenge



Thank you to everyone who pledged volunteer hours, who committed to the challenge, and who requested help finding places in our community to serve. Continue (anonymously) submitting your volunteer hours [using this form](#) or scan this QR code (which is on the bulletin board outside the office). Did your whole family volunteer together? Reporting multiple dates? Combine everyone's hours and submit the form once—we want to keep it simple for you!



## Upcoming Events

### Daylight Saving Time!

Remember to set your clocks ahead or update your phones so you won't be here an hour late on **Sunday, March 8.**



### Community Soup Suppers during Lent

On **Wednesdays** during Lent, share a simple supper of soup and bread at **6 p.m.** These suppers will be free and open to anyone who could use a warm meal and friendly company. After the supper, anyone can choose to attend Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. Sign up on the Welcome Desk to set up, clean up, or to bring soup, bread, or dessert.

## Lenten Midweek Services

On Wednesdays in the seasons of Lent, gather in the evenings in prayer and song. Poems and scripture readings on prayer and being instruments of God's peace will anchor Holden Evening Prayer. **Worship begins at 7 p.m. in Heritage Hall.**

## Easter Vigil Service of Joy

Be immersed in the story of the church in our **Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4 at 7 p.m.** At this most fun, unique and unexpected worship service of the year, we gather around fire, water, bread and wine to tell the story of salvation. We proclaim the stories of God's faithfulness and salvation throughout history as we proclaim Christ, the one who brings life out of death.

Worship will be in Heritage Hall with a time of storytelling and Holy Communion. After worship, all are invited to stay for an Easter Egg hunt and s'mores.

The Easter Vigil includes many stories spanning the Old Testament and we would like your help to tell them! You can tell a story, gather some friends or family members to act it out, sing a song or more. Your story telling is limited only by your creativity (and 6 minutes)! To view the list of stories and sign up, [click here](#).

## Easter Breakfast—HELP NEEDED

Celebrate Easter with a free **Easter breakfast in Community Hall between services on Sunday, April 5.** Enjoy fellowship, share good food, and strengthen friendships. Bring your family and friends to this special event so we can celebrate together. Sign up on the poster in the Narthex to bring egg casseroles, coffee cake, fruit, or drinks and to help with preparing, serving, and cleaning up. Long-term, this ministry needs a champion. If hospitality or volunteer organization is among your spiritual gifts, please contact [Pr. Adrienne](#).



## Worship and the Arts Concert Series: Bloomington Bach Cantata Project

Members of the St. Thomas community are warmly invited to the sixteenth season's performances by the Bloomington Bach Cantata Project. They present cantatas by

Johann Sebastian Bach in performances modeled on his own; each concert includes a performance, a short talk about the day's cantata, and a second performance in which everyone can hear new and different things. Performances take place on **Sundays at 2:30 p.m. The next one is March 15**, "Ich habe meine Zuversicht" BWV 188. Anastasia Chin will director. This is the last BBCP of the 25-26 season.

## Come Together: News from the Outreach and Community Care Committee

### **Student Grab and Go Brown Bag Lunch, Sunday, March 8.**

Look for the sign-up on the Welcome Desk for details on the donations we need to feed hungry students as they continue their semester.



**Every Odd Month Event: Tacos and Trivia Night! Saturday, March 21, 5:30 p.m.** Rance Fawbush is returning as our trivia master for an evening of food and some friendly competition. Join us for tacos at 5:30 and trivia shortly after 6.



Watch for a sign up on the Welcome Desk so we know how much food to prepare—you can also declare your trivia team or sign up and join a team when you arrive. We'll provide a taco bar and drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

**Volunteers Needed for Stonebelt's Community Fair, Wednesday, March 25, 2 to 5 p.m.** St. Thomas has reserved a table at this yearly event where clients of Stonebelt can connect with a wide variety of community groups. We're looking for a few folks to represent our congregation—look for a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk with more details.



## Christian Nurture

### **Sunday School/Adult Forum**

No Sunday School on March 15 or 22, 2026 due to Spring Break.



### **Prayer at Noon on Zoom**

Prayer and self-reflection are part of the disciplines of Lent. On **Wednesday, March 4**, join Pr. Adrienne for Prayer at Noon on Zoom [here](#) for a quiet twenty minutes of prayer and support.

## Worship at Redbud Hills & Bell Trace

St. Thomas members and friends at Redbud Hills are invited to join us in the chapel for worship on **Monday, March 9 at 10:15 a.m.** Members and friends at Bell Trace are invited to join us in the Chapel for worship on **Monday, March 16 at 9:45 a.m.**

## Pastor's Bible Study

Join the pastors for Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday readings on Monday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room. There is no need to prepare ahead. We read the text together and explore what interests us and what it means for us today.

Questions encouraged!

- **March 2:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
- **March 9:** 1 Samuel 12:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- **March 16:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
- **March 24:** Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14--27:66
- **March 30 (Holy Week Texts):**
  - For Monday in Holy Week: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
  - For Tuesday in Holy Week: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
  - For Wednesday in Holy Week (Spy Wednesday): Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
  - For Maundy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
  - For Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13--53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 (alternate); John 18:1--19:42
  - For Easter Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:8-13; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:10-15:1a; Jonah 3:1-10; Daniel 3:1-29; Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18
  - For Resurrection of our Lord: Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10
- **April 6 (NO BIBLE STUDY):** Exodus 15:1-11, Psalm 111; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



## Vacation Bible School: May 26-28

Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas Lutheran Church will be **Tuesday, May 26 through Thursday, May 27 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** for students entering kindergarten through eighth grade. This year, we will gather "At the Table" to explore our own stories and how to listen to and share others' stories while centered around stories of God's people at the table. Students entering kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to our traditional day camp with games, crafts, stories and more. Students entering sixth through eighth grade will participate in a servant camp which includes a service project each day as well as some fun camp activities. Lunch will be provided. The cost will be \$25/child, with a \$65/family maximum. Financial assistance is available. Registration will open at the beginning of March and run through May 1. Please plan to make payment by May 15 by check (write VBS in the memo) or online.

Adults and high school youth are needed to help make this program happen! If you are interested in planning activities, leading students, setting up, providing food, cleaning up or volunteering in other ways, talk to Kris Stewart or Pastor Lecia.

[Register here.](#) For any questions, to volunteer or to request financial assistance, please email [Pastor Lecia](#), Pastor of Youth & Christian Nurture.



## "At the Table"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Vacation Bible School**  
for students entering K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Servant Camp**  
for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

**St Thomas Lutheran Church**  
May 26-28, 2026  
9:00am - 3:00pm  
\$25/student (\$65/family max)  
lunch provided



# Ministry Opportunities for Getting Involved

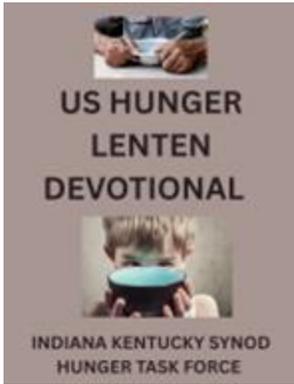
## The Easter Bunny Needs Helpers!

The Mission Committee at St. Thomas Lutheran and the Outreach Committee at Trinity Episcopal Church are once again working together to provide Easter baskets for 100 children living in Middle Way, New Hope for Families, and Crawford shelters. The baskets are for children (ages 0 – 17) whose families have experienced homelessness or housing instability and who are currently living in supported housing. During Lent there will be a collection box in the narthex for small new items like toys, coloring books, card games, and stuffed bunnies to fill the baskets. The baskets and candy will be purchased separately. We especially need items for babies and teens. Parishioners can shop locally or online from our [Amazon wish list](#). Items will be collected throughout Lent. We will gather for an all-ages basket assembly project on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, March 29!



## Staffing the Pantry – A Group Volunteer Opportunity

We are seeking a group of St. Thomas folk to volunteer one day per month at Pantry 279 helping families in our community who are facing food insecurity. **One Wednesday a month join in from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pantry location on Bloomington's westside (on State Road 46 by the Arby's).** We need people to work the check in and check out desks, to help repack bulk food into family-size portions, and to assist the clients with their shopping, to name a few of the available opportunities. **Our 2026 Wednesday dates are as follows: March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 25, and December 23.** Look for a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk. Please join in for one or more of these dates. Any questions, [contact Susan Kinzer](#). Adults and older children are welcome. All the Volunteer hours go towards our 5000 hour St. Thomas volunteer goal!



## **Lenten Devotional Focuses on Hunger in the U.S.**

This Lent, the IK Synod Hunger Task Force invites you to deepen your understanding of hunger right here in the United States through a special devotional resource created for individuals and congregations.

This thoughtfully developed devotional booklet is designed to raise awareness, inspire reflection, and equip us to respond faithfully to the realities of hunger in our communities and across the country.

[\*\*Download the devotional packet here.\*\*](#)

## **Lenten Thrifty Food Plan Fast**

“Blessed are those who thirst for hunger and righteousness....” Mathew 5: 6

What do you hunger for?

For many in our community food prices are too high and income is too low; they face food insecurity, if not real hunger. The government is trying to help those folks through the Supplemental Nutrition Food Assistance Program, SNAP, commonly called food stamps.

The government decides the SNAP benefits by calculating how far a household's 30% of income falls short of what they call the Thrifty Food Plan, TFP. The SNAP benefits make up the difference.

In the spirit of Lent, where we are called to pray, fast, giving alms and engage in acts of justice and solidarity, we invite you to participate in the following spiritual exercise:

Live on the Thrifty Food Plan for one week. [This link](#) shows the TFP broken down by age and gender.

Day 1: Establish your TFP for the week, make a menu for the week and grocery list.

Day 2-6: Have daily conversations/reflections over or after supper about the experience. Perhaps keep a journal.

Day 7: Summarize the experience, put in words what it has meant to you, has it changed your perspective? Have you saved any grocery money this week? What could you do with this "extra" money if there is any? Which food-related charities might you support? Which food related justice work might you support?

## Community Garden Plots Available for 2026

The sun is shining and the snow is melting. Crocuses are blooming and tulips are peeking their heads out of the ground. It must be time to think about gardening in the STLC Community Garden. Some of our gardeners are unable to return this season to tend their garden plots so if you are interested in gardening with us, please [contact Kathleen Boggess](#) and she will respond to discuss your preferences.

## Property Committee Work Days

Help our co-chairs Jim Ward and Ian Bensberg with manual tasks such as decluttering, painting, occasional cleaning, or tasks that require special expertise such as electrical, plumbing, or drywall work. Join a work day on the second & fourth Saturdays every month. Please contact [Jim](#) or [Ian](#) if you'd like to participate or have any questions, comments, or suggestions.



## Prayer Chain

The Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar once said, "the most we can do through genuine prayer, is to make as much room as possible, in ourselves and in the world, for the kingdom of God, so that its energies can go to work." We invite you to be part of a little group making room in the world for God to work in people's lives. When prayer requests come, we receive an email and pause to pray. Occasionally we receive an update about those we hold in prayer. If you are interested in joining us, [email](#) Susan Colston.



## Prayer Requests

Martin Luther said, "Pray, and let God worry." When something worries you, others can carry you along in prayer. Send requests for prayer to Susan Colston [via email](#).



# Lutheran Campus Ministry at IU

While the term "March Madness" generally evokes visions of college basketball tournaments, sometimes it seems the whole college campus experiences a bit of a hectic and chaotic feeling around March. Between spring break and midterms, students are busy, stressed, and sometimes just need a place to come and take a moment to breathe. Rose House LuMin is thankful to be able to provide that space as an option for students. Whether students need to vent to someone, sit quietly, meditate on scripture, or create crafts, Rose House is available. If you are (or know of) a college student who is feeling overwhelmed and might benefit from connecting with us, please contact me at [lutheran@iu.edu](mailto:lutheran@iu.edu).

Peace,  
[Pr. Amanda Ghaffarian](#) (She/Her)  
Rose House LuMin Campus Minister

## Announcements:

### *Third Annual Chili Cook-Off*

Join on **Sunday March 1, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** for our Third Annual Campus Ministry sponsored Chili Cook-Off held at St Thomas. Members and friends of St. Thomas will be vying for the title of "Best Chili" and it is up to you all to pick the winner via ranked choice voting. A silent auction will be held alongside the cook-off featuring items such as IU themed baskets, surprise boxes, and a four-hour decluttering service. A Free Will Offering will be accepted to help support the campus ministry. If you have additional questions, please [email Pastor Amanda](#) or look for updates on our [Facebook Event page](#) for the Chili Cook-Off.



### *Campus Ministries March Madness*

"My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;" -Psalm 84:2a

It's March and that means it is time for the 3rd Annual March Ministry Madness "friend"-raiser! Each year campus ministry sites from around the country compete in a friendly competition to raise awareness for campus ministry and funds for their sites. Each week there will be different bonuses in play and at the end of the month we will crown a winner! Keep your eyes on @lumin\_elca for updates and stories from the various sites. Donations can be made [here](#). And don't forget to share with friends and use the hashtag #ministrymadness; please also use #luminelca to share the news!

# Caring for Our Neighbors

## Traveling University

The [Traveling University](#) will offer several events in Bloomington and beyond during the month of March. Please join in!

**Sunday, March 1**, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Learn about exploring Mars through *Limiting Contamination of Mars with Life from Earth when Human Explorers Arrive*, offered by Lisa Pratt, IU Professor Emerita, former NASA Planetary Protection Officer, and Co-Chair of the Committee on Planetary Protection for the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine. St. John's Episcopal Church, Bedford IN (1219 14<sup>th</sup> St., Bedford, IN)

**Sunday, March 8**, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: *Vaccines: Over 200 Years of Saving Lives, but Are We Ready for the Next Pandemic?* IU Emerita Professor of Biology, Patricia Foster, will review what vaccines are, how they protect against infections, and how their efficacy and safety are determined, and will then delve into the science of mRNA vaccines. Downtown branch of the Monroe County Public Library (303 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN)

**Sunday, March 22**, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: *Understanding Autism*, offered by IU Professors Emeritus Tim Londergan and Steve Vigdor, will review changes in the diagnostic criteria for autism, epidemiological studies of the causes of autism, and new brain imaging studies. First Christian Church (205 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN).

More information can be found [on their website](#).

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Due Date for **emailed** Weekly Announcements: Thursdays.

Due Date for **April Newsletter** articles: **Monday, March 23**.

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Proceeds from this event will benefit children and families impacted by homelessness in our community.

# March 2026

## St. Thomas Lutheran Church

### Regular Sunday Schedule\*

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum

11 a.m. Worship

\*see each Sunday for additional events

### Pastor Adrienne Out of Office

Thursday March 19

through

Sunday March 22

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday        | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|--|---------------|---|
| <sup>1</sup><br>12 pm Rose House<br>LuMin Chili Cook-<br>Off   | <sup>2</sup><br>1 pm Pastor's<br>Bible Study<br>7 pm Mission<br>Committee<br>Meeting                                       | <sup>3</sup><br>6:30 pm Worship<br>Committee<br>Meeting | <sup>4</sup><br>12 pm Prayer<br>at Noon on<br>Zoom   | <sup>5</sup><br>5:30 pm Brown<br>Bag Choir<br>Dinner<br>7 pm Adult<br>Choir Rehearsal  | <sup>6</sup>  | <sup>7</sup>  |
| <sup>8</sup><br><b>Daylight Savings<br/>Time</b><br>9:30 am LuMin Grab<br>& Go Lunch<br>9:45 am GPS Grief<br>Supprt Group<br>12 pm LuMin Grab<br>& Go Lunch<br>12:15 pm Council<br>Meeting | <sup>9</sup><br>10:15 am Worship<br>at Redbud Hills<br>1 pm Pastor's<br>Bible Study<br>7pm Finance<br>Committee<br>Meeting | <sup>10</sup>   | <sup>11</sup><br>6 pm Soup<br>Supper<br>7 pm Holden<br>Evening<br>Prayer   | <sup>12</sup><br>5:30 pm Brown<br>Bag Choir<br>Dinner<br>7 pm Adult<br>Choir Rehearsal | <sup>13</sup> | <sup>14</sup><br>10 am St.<br>Thomas<br>Piecemakers<br>10 am<br>Property<br>Committee<br>Work Day |
| <sup>15</sup><br><b>No Sunday School</b><br>2:30 pm Bach<br>Cantata Project  | <sup>16</sup><br>9:45 am Worship<br>at Bell Trace<br>1 pm Pastor's<br>Bible Study  | <sup>17</sup>   | <sup>18</sup><br>6 pm Soup<br>Supper<br>7 pm Holden<br>Evening<br>Prayer   | <sup>19</sup><br>5:30 pm Brown<br>Bag Choir<br>Dinner<br>7 pm Adult<br>Choir Rehearsal | <sup>20</sup> | <sup>21</sup><br>5:30 pm Tacos<br>& Trivia  |
| <sup>22</sup><br><b>No Sunday School</b>   | <sup>23</sup><br>1 pm Pastor's<br>Bible Study  | <sup>24</sup>   | <sup>25</sup><br>6 pm Soup<br>Supper<br>7 pm Holden<br>Evening<br>Prayer   | <sup>26</sup><br>5:30 pm Brown<br>Bag Choir<br>Dinner<br>7 pm Adult<br>Choir Rehearsal | <sup>27</sup> | <sup>28</sup><br>10 am<br>Property<br>Committee<br>Work Day                                       |
| <sup>29</sup><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>12 pm Easter Basket<br>Assembly   | <sup>30</sup><br>1 pm Pastor's<br>Bible Study  | <sup>31</sup>   | <p><b>All dates and times are subject to change.<br/>Please confirm via the online church<br/>calendar:</b><br/> <a href="https://stlconline.org/about/news/">https://stlconline.org/about/news/</a></p> |  |               |   |

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