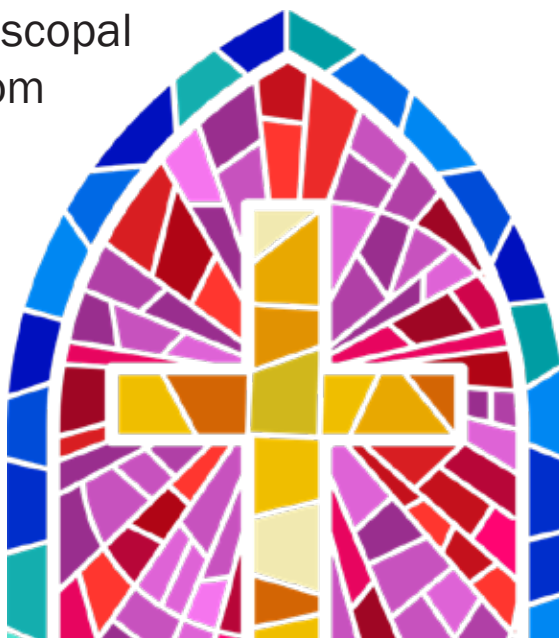


# St. Thomas Church

Anglican – Episcopal  
stthomaswi.com



## **Our Vision:**

We are a Jesus-centered,  
Spirit-filled community of  
diverse followers working to  
transform the world.

## **Our Mission:**

To know Christ.  
To make Christ known.  
To serve others in Christ's  
name.

August 23, 2026

# Announcements

**Morning Prayer**  
M,T,TH—9:30am

**Evening Prayer**  
M,T,W,TH— 4pm

**Weekday Eucharist**  
Wednesday — 9:30am



**Office Hours are 9am— 1pm, clergy by appointment**

**Office – [stthomaswi1916@gmail.com](mailto:stthomaswi1916@gmail.com) Laura Rothe [music@stthomaswi.com](mailto:music@stthomaswi.com)**

*If you are visiting St Thomas, or if you are considering joining the St. Thomas Family, welcome, we are grateful you are here.  
Please sign the guest book in the back of the Church so we can connect with you.*



September 11-13, 2026

Forest Springs Camp & Conference Center  
N8890 Forest Ln, Westboro, WI 54490

### St. Thomas Fall Fellowship Weekend

#### **Cost (cabin included)**

Adult / Teen - \$85  
Ages 8-12 - \$45  
Ages 4-7 - \$35  
Ages 0-3 - \$15

#### **Add-Ons**

Hotel Room \$120 (upgrade from cabin)  
High Ropes Course \$(to be determined)  
Paint Ball \$(to be determined)

**Deadline to Register – Aug 29, 2026** Register online at [stthomaswi.com](http://stthomaswi.com) or in-person with office

**Payment Options** Cash/ Check submitted to the office, online via website (memo CFS)

**Questions?** Please call 920-725-5601

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On **Sunday, September 6th**, during the 10:00 service, we will premiere a setting of Psalm 11, composed by one of our Choral Scholars, Dylan Suprenant. It is written for two basses and piano and will be sung by Dylan and Wyatt. Dylan is a Music Education major at UW-Oshkosh and is completing a certificate in Music Composition.

**“Where Faith Meets Life: St. Thomas Adult Sunday School”** Conversations on Scripture and Film & Faith – Christians have always gathered around stories: the stories of Scripture and the stories that help us make sense of human experience. This year, our Adult Sunday School ministry will offer two complementary opportunities for learning and reflection. Through Conversations on Scripture, we will engage the weekly lectionary texts, listening together for God’s promises, challenges, and invitations. Jill Beverlin and other class participants will take turns leading these sessions. At other times, we will explore selected films as modern parables, considering how themes of hope, reconciliation, courage, justice, love, and redemption echo the deeper story of God’s work in the world. Fr. Aran will be the primary leader of these sessions. Both experiences invite us into the same practice: paying attention. Whether we are reflecting on a Gospel text or a film scene, we seek to ask where God might be speaking, challenging, comforting, and calling us today. Join us as we gather to learn, reflect, and grow together in faith. **Classes will begin Sept. 20th; 9-9:45am in the Lounge.** A schedule will be shared with participants at that time. If you have questions, please contact Jill or Fr. Aran.

### **Host Coffee Hour Openings!**

**Please help by occasionally hosting Coffee Hour after the 10AM service. We will train you! Sign up is in the Parish Hall or contact Bev Johnston (920)729-6320.**

### **WORSHIP**

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY ([WWW.STYG.COM](http://WWW.STYG.COM))**

Youth Group —all Sunday youth group events are for 6th-12th graders unless otherwise noted.



**D-Groups** “Accept one another just as God has accepted you.” (Romans 15:7) D-Groups are open to all 7th – 12th graders and their friends on Wednesdays at St. Thomas 6:15 – 8:00pm D-Groups are ALL about Community, Scripture, Playing, Growing, and Jesus. **Summer D-Groups Here’s what’s coming up for D-Groups.**[www.styg.com/d-groups](http://www.styg.com/d-groups) **Starting September 2!**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**NEW PROGRAM! *Heirs of the Kingdom*** We are so excited for the launch of our new children's ministry, Heirs of the Kingdom. The proof is in our whirl of joyful preparation with scheduling, lesson planning, physical work cleaning and arranging our classrooms, and dreaming about possibilities. One of the things we're most eagerly anticipating is the connection between the children's ministry and the congregation. We're not going to spend all our time in the basement, but be present in the life of the church. Are you excited about this also? If so, here are five things you can do right now:

1. Pray for this new ministry. If Jesus isn't involved, it won't flourish.
2. Our Wednesday evenings will begin with a meal together at 5:30. We'll be inviting parishioners to make a simple meal and join us. Dig out your most delicious recipes; we look forward to sharing food and fellowship.
3. Watch for our wish list coming soon, and help us launch this ministry by contributing supplies for lessons or classrooms.
4. Search your address book for any kids you know from kindergarten through sixth grade who need fun formation in faith, Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 23, 5:30-7:30 pm.
5. Get involved with the ministries here at St. Thomas. We are supposed to inherit the gift of the church from our parents, and we are charged with passing it on to our children. What kind of church will we pass on to them? How can we grow our ministries here at St. Thomas to be fuller and richer in Christ?

Your Servants in Christ Jesus, Theresa and Genevieve

## FELLOWSHIP

**St Thomas Housing Committee** - The church would like to extend an invitation to the church body to participate with this working group. If interested please let the church office know. **Meeting: The First Monday of Every Month in the St. Thomas Lounge @ 5:30pm**

**Aging Joyfully**-Weekly Discussion Group A weekly discussion group on Aging Joyfully will be meeting **at 9am** in the Church Lounge It is hard to raise our IQ but the opposite is true for our JQ, our Joy Quotient. Every one of our words and acts are an opportunity to increase joy and bring joy to others. If you have questions contact one of our wardens, Brad Lauderdale & Gordon Stillings, or facilitator Jim Dickson. The group will continue through the summer, **Ending on August 30!**

**Ladies of St. Thomas** (All ages) You are invited to the St. Margarita Society gathering on **August 24th & 31st** at Solea's Mexican Grill, 1350 Gillingham Rd., Neenah beginning **at 6PM** It is an informal gathering with no agenda other than to spend time with each other in a relaxed and fun manner. Come for just a short while or stay as long as you like. No RSVP necessary. Invite a friend to come along. Wonderful time sharing a meal and fellowship with your friends of St. Thomas. **\*Meeting in Solarium**



**Light of Christ Grant** - St. Thomas received a Light of Christ Grant for plantings to make our entrances more welcoming. Keep an eye out around our grounds as we work on making it more beautiful and welcoming.

**Opportunity for Individual Prayer**—(Available weekly during 10am service) During Holy Communion, individual prayer will be available in the small chapel just off the sanctuary. If you desire a special prayer of healing, thanksgiving, or other petitions, members of the St. Thomas Prayer Team will be there to pray with you and, if you wish, offer anointing with oil.

### **MOTHERS' MERCY HOME PARTNERSHIP — August Update**

As we have been doing for the past number of years we send our contribution to Mothers' Mercy Home in July. This year we sent \$14,370 through Cargo Human Care. The generosity of our Partners contributed \$5,760 towards the tuition of the 24 Partnered Children. The St. Thomas Mission Fund, Lambeau Field Fund Raiser and donations to the MMHPP Fund totaled an additional \$8,500 towards the costs of bedding, shoes, uniforms and school bags for the children of MMH 2025-2026 school year. \$110 was sent for small gifts to individual children's accounts. We and the staff and children of MMH are so grateful for the continued support of the MMH Partners and the St. Thomas Parish Family. Special thanks to all the volunteers who staff the dessert carts at Lambeau Field. All those sales of goodies certainly adds up to bringing good news to children in Kenya. ASANTE!

### **Scrumptious Spaghetti Supper!**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Spaghetti Suppers, Wednesday, September 8th at 5:30pm**. A delicious dinner and fellowship! We will be serving homemade red sauce over spaghetti, salad, and homemade Parmesan bread. All prepared by our spaghetti dinner team. We would also love to have volunteers to toss the salad, set up, serve, and clean up. Together we make it better. Please call Ashley in the office to sign up for this event or to be on the team.

### St. Thomas Hosts Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

The concert will last approximately 30 minutes and all are welcome. There will be a freewill offering to help support the American Guild of Organists mission, including supporting their organ scholarship program. LORS was started 29 years ago by the late Frank Rippl, the beloved, longstanding organist at All Saints in Appleton and is currently coordinated by Devin Atteln. It takes place throughout the summer at various churches throughout the Fox Valley from Neenah to Kaukauna. A complete list of LORS dates can be found on flyers at church.

AUGUST 19, 1:00 P.M.  
DR. SHERI MASIAKOWSKI

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH 404 W LAWRENCE ST, APPLETON

AUGUST 26 — DR. DAVID BOHN

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 912 N ONEIDA ST, APPLETON



**SCRIP PROGRAM** — *Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missionaries and bringing our mission partners here).* We have on hand: Amazon, American Eagle, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle Mexican Grille, Festival Foods, IHOP, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Meijer, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's, P.F. Changs, Pick n Save, Piggly Wiggly, Shell, Starbucks, Subway, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. Scrip cards can be purchased weekdays in the church office during normal office hours. In addition, **Scrip cards can also be ordered for over 500 of the country's biggest brands.** If you would like to order some scrip cards that we don't have on hand, please call the office at (920)725-5601 by Monday morning. They will be available to be picked up by Thursday of that week.

**St. Thomas Acolyte Opportunity**—If you or one of your children have an interest in serving St. Thomas as an Acolyte, we would love to have you. As you know, Acolytes serve as an important part of the 10:00 service every Sunday. It is very rewarding and is a great way to serve God and our St. Thomas family. If you or a family member have an interest in serving in this ministry, please reach out to Wade, Deacon Lisa, Martina or contact the church office. Thank you!



## **MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR AUGUST 2026**

**BETSY HAKE – JERICO MINISTRIES IN HONDURAS:** [www.jerichoministries.org](http://www.jerichoministries.org)

### **Praise God for:**

- A wonderful outreach in the rural village of Panina, Intibuca with many people coming to Christ
- All salaries have been paid, and we are up to date with all our expenses!

### **Prayer Requests:**

- That Tyndale House publishers would want to publish Betsy's second book
- For health and protection of all our children. One of our High Schoolers was kidnapped but she was able to get away quickly!
- For our summer teams to be fruitful in all they do
- For funds for the road we need to build on our property

**DOUBLE PORTION:** [www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com](http://www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com)

### **Praise God for:**

- The kindness and fellowship with guests, new and returning

### **Prayer Requests:**

- For food to restock our Pantry Shelves: canned meats, condiments, breakfast cereals, hearty soups, creamy peanut butter, pasta sauce, ramen noodles and hygiene items.
- For volunteers to be comfortable interacting with guests and sharing God's love with them

**MOTHERS' MERCY HOME – DIOCESE OF MT KENYA SOUTH:** [www.mmhpp.org](http://www.mmhpp.org)

### **Praise God for:**

- The faithful service of the staff of Mothers' Mercy Home
- The monetary gifts presented for the education of the children from the St. Thomas MMH Partnership Program

### **Prayer Requests:**

- For God to protect our country from many incidents of fire in schools
- For God to protect our country from Ebola diseases
- For peace in Kenya next year during the presidential election
- For our children in primary and secondary boarding schools
- For furnishings for new building: conference tables & chairs, class room tables and chairs, coolant and shelves for the store.