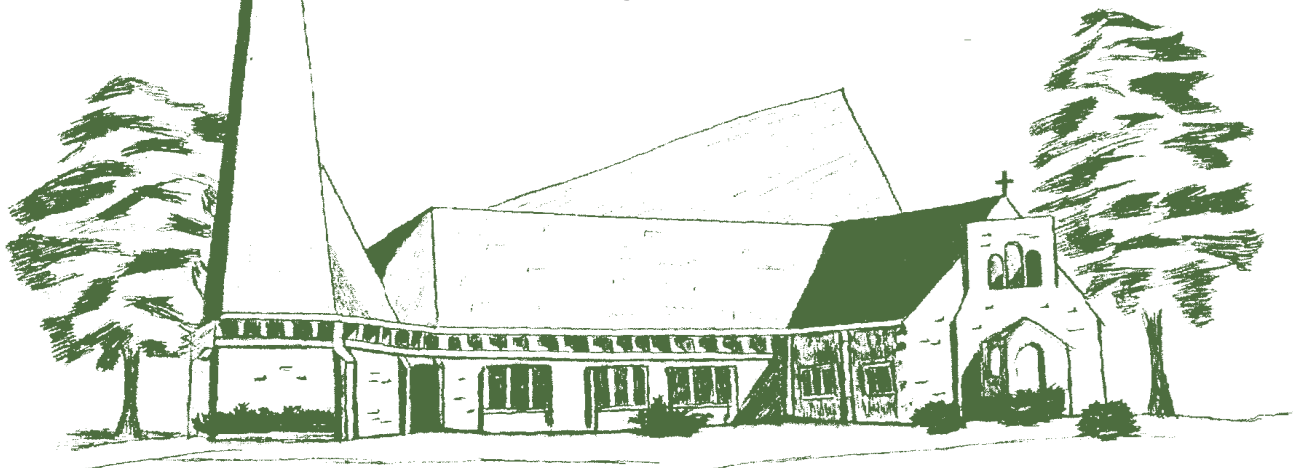


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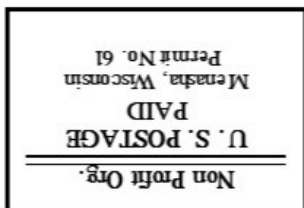
St. Thomas Church Anglican - Episcopal

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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.



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Hospitality and Fellowship

As the Church, we sometimes use the words “hospitality” and “fellowship” interchangeably. This confusion is understandable, because the two are linked in certain ways and often overlap. Still, the meanings (and therefore, ministries) of these two terms are actually quite different. So much so...that we can inflict real damage to one or the other, or both, by confusing hospitality and fellowship. That said, if you’re interested in learning how they’re related and how we can avoid confusing them; you’re in luck! Because those two essential pieces of what it means to be the Church will be the topic of this year’s **Fellowship Camp**.

So, please give prayerful consideration to joining us **September 11-13 at Camp Forest Springs**. You can sign-up online, or Ashley or Anne can assist you. And if money is an issue, we can help you with that as well.

Come, be a part of our conversation on Hospitality and Fellowship. Both are necessary for a healthy, growing parish; and neither can be left for someone else to do. They are an essential part of OUR ministry and are inseparable from OUR mission statement: To know Christ; To make Christ known; To serve others in Christ’s Name.

Can’t wait to see you there!

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr. Andy



Associate/Youth***Ministers Musings*** Hello friends . . . grace and peace,

As I write this, it is a Sunday afternoon. I just got home from our time together at our 8AM & 10AM times of worship and Eucharist together and I'm going to take a nap later.

(3 hours later)

Hello friends . . . grace and peace,

OK, let's try this again. Because... I just woke up. And I don't typically take 3-hour naps. But it was rather necessary since just 13 hours before our 8AM service, I got home from a week-long Love Journey to Ciudad Juarez with 19 other people where we built a house for a family.

Specifically, Madison, Lily, Diane, Makayla, Noah, Eowyn, Mary, Ben, George, Lucy, Erni, Charlie, Phenix, Joely, Hailey, Natalie, Chris, Sam, Alyssa, and myself built a house for Lucia (grandma), Jose (son), Erica (wife), and Lia (granddaughter). It's a 3- room house, 2 bedrooms, and main living space. A bathroom will be added later as we raised enough money to be able to gift the amount necessary to build that. A mini-split heater/AC unit is scheduled to be installed soon. And 3 beds were delivered this morning.

All of the construction materials, all of the overhead costs, all of our lodging, our food, our travel there and back, our times in community and faith practice – YOU ALL helped make that happen by joining us in support when you prayed, volunteered at Lambeau, gave financially, remembered us, etc. And we can't thank you all enough!

Our theme for the week was based in Luke, chapter 10, focusing on the one word that makes the parable of The Good Samaritan special and read: Compassion. And you will hear all about how we witnessed compassion, how we offered and shared compassion, as well as how we missed the mark and passed by on the other side and didn't take the opportunity to show compassion – you'll hear about all of it on Sunday, August 2 at both the 8AM & 10AM services as students from this Love Journey will be sharing during the sermon time. Please, come and join us!

And hey, you never know... you just might start witnessing and offering compassion more and more too!

peace to you,

Fr. Aran





Sunday Youth Group Events

Games, events, fun 6th -12th graders

www.styg.com/youthgroup

5/3 Flower Planting 11:30am-1pm

EpiscoWisco Camp

www.episcowisco.camp

**FILM
SCHOOL**

Film School - Last Day May 3

www.styg.com/filmschool

D GROUPS

D-Groups - Last Day May 20

www.styg.com/d-groups

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

NEW! CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT ST. THOMAS

Two members of St. Thomas have the blessing and privilege of a new calling: Genevieve Pell and Theresa Cruz Lillegard are diving in to co-coordinate the Children's Ministry together. Already with much excitement, they have begun the prayerful discernment and busy preparation needed for this most important ministry. And what's a new ministry without a new name? As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs," the children's group will now be called **Heirs of the Kingdom**.

We would appreciate your prayers in this new endeavor. Programs will be starting in September, with more details to come. Please watch our weekly announcements and email as our plans unfold.

In His Love,
Genevieve and Theresa





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, Decon Lisa, Martina or contact the church office. Thank you!



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, men welcome 31st****

CONVERSATIONS ON SCRIPTURE

Each Sunday, at 9-9:50am we gather in the library (lounge) and online via zoom, to reflect together on the week's Bible lessons, exploring not only the text itself but also the ways that gospel artwork, music, poetry, and other readings or videos can help us go deeper in our understanding of God's Word and in our life together as people of faith. This year we are excited to add the practice of simple contemplative prayer, offering us a new way to listen, rest, and dwell in God's presence as part of our shared journey. Everyone is welcome—your presence, your questions, and your perspective are all gifts to the conversation. Come as you are able, and join us in this joyful and prayerful exploration of scripture and community. Your facilitators for this class are Dr. Brad Lauderdale and Jill Beverlin.

For More Information Contact Jill Beverlin:

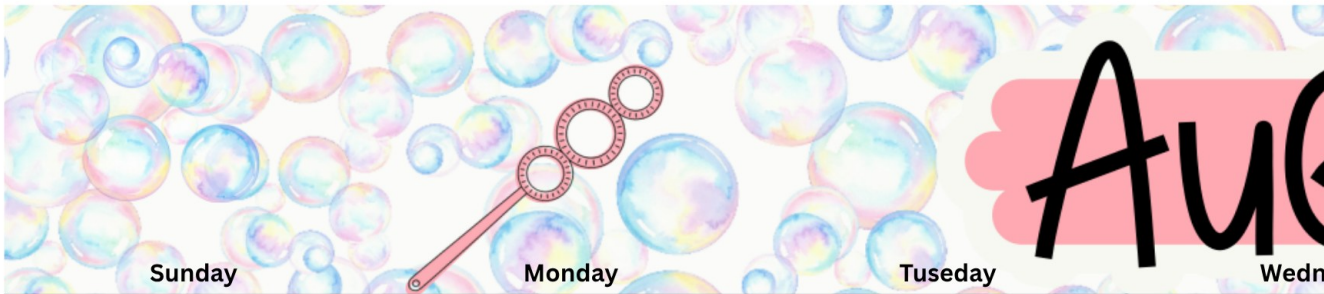
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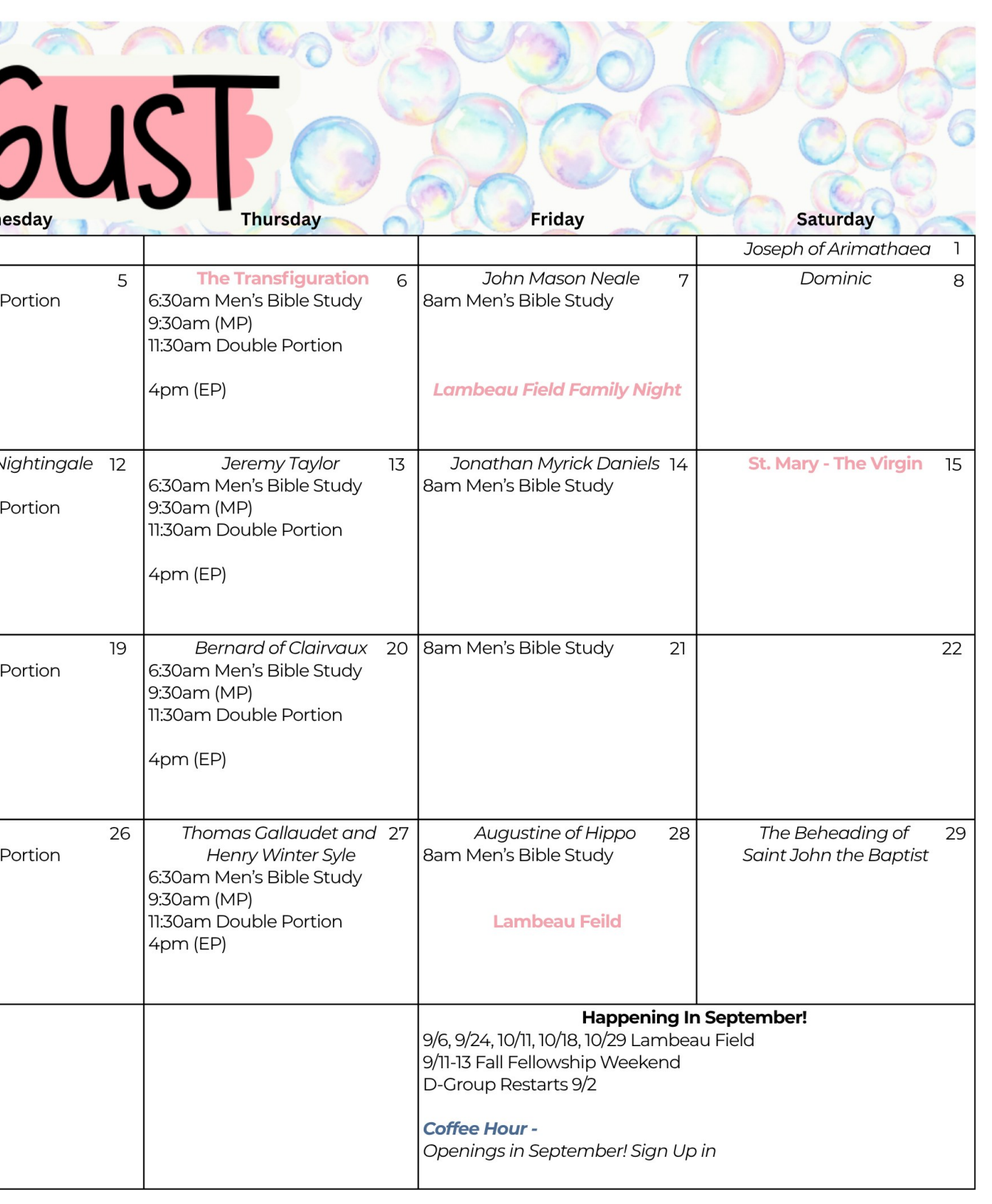


AUGUST 18th SENIOR LUNCH:

We look forward to getting together once again for our final summer Senior Lunch. As usual we will begin with Eucharist at **11:30 AM** and then meet in the Parish Hall for fellowship and lunch. Always feel free to invite family members or friends. To make it easier for the planning committee, we ask you to e-mail or call Ashley in the church office with reservations by **Monday August 10th**. A summer lunch ending with Dilly Bars!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rector's Discretionary Fund 2 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Aging Joyfulling <i>Middler Camp Starts</i> Coffee Hour - Megan Bergin	<i>Joanna, Mary, and Salome</i> 3 9:30am Morning Prayer (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm Evening Prayer (EP)	7am Men's Bible Study 9:30am (MP) 4pm (EP)	4 9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP)
11th Sunday after Pentecost 9 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Aging Joyfulling Coffee Hour - Kathy Peterson	<i>Laurence of Rome</i> 10 9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP)	<i>Clare of Assisi</i> 11 7am Men's Bible Study 9:30am (MP) Senior Lunch 11am 4pm (EP)	<i>Florence Nightingale</i> 9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP)
12th Sunday after Pentecost 16 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Aging Joyfulling Coffee Hour - Julie Spanbauer	9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP) 7pm Evangelism Group	17 7am Men's Bible Study 9:30am (MP) 4pm (EP)	18 9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP)
13th Sunday after Pentecost 23 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Aging Joyfulling Coffee Hour - Open	St. Bartholomew 24 9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP)	<i>Louis, King</i> 25 7am Men's Bible Study 9:30am (MP) 4pm (EP)	9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP)
14th Sunday after Pentecost 30 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Aging Joyfulling Coffee Hour - Open	<i>Aidan of Lindisfarne</i> 31 9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP) Fall Fellowship Weekend Sign Up Deadline		



August

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						Joseph of Arimathaea	1
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Nightingale	12	Jeremy Taylor 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am (MP) 11:30am Double Portion 4pm (EP)	13	Jonathan Myrick Daniels	14	St. Mary - The Virgin	15
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Portion							
				Happening In September! 9/6, 9/24, 10/11, 10/18, 10/29 Lambeau Field 9/11-13 Fall Fellowship Weekend D-Group Restarts 9/2 Coffee Hour - Openings in September! Sign Up in			

Chosen Bible Study Group

The Chosen/Bible Study Group meets weekly on **Thursday mornings 9:30-11am**. We start with morning prayer in the chapel with Fr. Andy and then we all go over to the lounge for our study. We will be finishing with The Chosen Season 5. As we are anxiously waiting for Season 6 to be released. In the following weeks will be using The One Year Chronological Bible New Living Testament with reading assignments which, we have a lively group discussion. Hopefully, we will begin with the New Testament in March. We have a very nice group of ladies and if anyone would like to join us you are always welcome. Don't feel like you are not prepared we are all friends and will get you up to speed. You will really enjoy the discussion as it brings you closer to Jesus. We have created a group chat message to keep everyone current with what we are doing. We meet every Thursday morning from in the St. Thomas Lounge. If you have any questions, please contact me Mary Kay Hietpas at 920-740-5737 or marykayhietpas@gmail.com

Aging Joyfully-Weekly Discussion Group

A weekly discussion group on Aging Joyfully will begin **Sunday 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. Come on a "when you can basis".

CHRISTIAN WRITERS GROUP

Christian Writers group meets at St. Thomas on the first Monday of the month from 7-9 pm. The group of 16-18 members come for a variety of reasons. Some publish books that sold nationwide. Some of us self-publish, usually on Amazon, and find the monthly training in improving writing skills stimulating. Others come for training in writing family stories, newspaper articles, letters, or just for the fellowship. Members come from a variety of communities and the meetings have been held at St. Thomas for many years because of its central location. You are welcome to attend a meeting if you are improving your writing skills. For more information contact Jim Dickson at Jimdick777@aol.com or 920-725-8237.

DOUBLE PORTION SOUP KITCHEN AND PANTRY

"Sous Chef Program" (*Sous Chef: the top assistant in a professional kitchen*)

Double Portion Soup Kitchen is launching a flexible Sous Chef Program for volunteers aged 17+. No cooking experience is needed—just the ability to stand for two hours, lift pots, and enjoy teamwork. Volunteers assist chefs Sally (Mon), Joe (Wed), or Dean (Thu) in preparing about 100 meals per 10am–1pm shift. Sign up once or as often as you'd like. Located at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Menasha. Contact doubleportionsoupkitchen@gmail.com

**DOUBLE PORTION SOUP
KITCHEN AND PANTRY*****CALLING ALL GARDENERS!***

We are so grateful for the bountiful harvest of the talented gardeners who generously bring their fruits and vegetables to Double Portion to share with our guests. At Double Portion Soup Kitchen and Pantry, we provide lunch along with a few canned and packaged goods for our guests to help stretch their food budgets, so fresh produce is a welcome treat!

If you have extra produce from your garden that you would like to donate, please leave it on the kitchen island at St. Thomas kitchen marked for Double Portion and we will be sure to distribute it to our guests right away.

Thank you for all the donations for our pantry this summer. Generous friends of Double Portion have left canned and packaged items for our pantry, as well as much needed hygiene items like toilet paper, Kleenex, mouthwash, toothpaste, and body wash.

We are pleased that several new volunteers have joined our Double Portion crew this summer! If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with us, please contact Melanie at

DoublePortionSoupKitchen@gmail.com for details. We look forward to seeing you!

We are blessed to live in a community that supports each other with such kindness and generosity.

**NEW! EVANGELISM GROUP
STARTED AT ST. THOMAS!**

Most of us know that to be a Christian is to be an evangelist. By our everyday words and actions, we proclaim the Gospel, both by what we decide to do and say, or what we avoid saying or doing. Our every word and deed reflect our relationship with God... or lack thereof.

Therefore, on Monday, July 20, more than twenty people met for the first time to discuss the question: How can we become effective evangelists, not as something we do, but as part of who we are in Christ?

Please continue praying for the work of the Spirit among us, and come and join the conversation. Our next meeting will be **Monday, August 17 at 7pm.** If you need more information, contact Theresa or Fr. Andy anytime. We hope to see you there!

Your servant in Christ,
Theresa



Morning Prayer—M, T, Th 9:30am

Evening Prayer—M, T, W, Th 4pm

Holy Eucharist—W 9:30am

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!

Treasurer's Report As of May 2026

Pledge Receipts	2026	2025
January	\$ 59,356	\$ 81,168
February	\$ 45,841	\$ 21,648
March	\$ 16,570	\$ 23,861
April	\$ 58,030	\$ 34,163
May	\$ 35,670	\$ 17,524
June	\$	\$

2026 YTD income \$ 267,954 vs.

expense \$ 287,916 = \$ -19,962

Message from your Wardens

Update on the Parking Lot Replacement and Capital Fund Drive

The St. Thomas Vestry, Finance Committee, and the newly formed Buildings and Grounds Committee have been working on projects to rebuild the parking lot, install air conditioning in the nave, restore stained glass windows, and repair deterioration in areas of the outside walls. The parking lot project has been delayed because the cities of Neenah and Menasha will probably proceed with a plan to convert the intersection in front of the church to a roundabout. This will change the intersection with Sanford St. and the driveway entrance to the front of the church. We do not want to rebuild the parking lot until we are clear about how these changes will affect our parking areas. In the meantime, the committees are working on planning for the other projects, developing more accurate cost estimates.

Parishioners have been contributing to the Capital Fund for these projects, and we greatly appreciate these early expressions of support. These contributions are being held in a separate fund for these specific projects. A more active phase of the Capital Fund Drive will begin when we have a more definite timeline for the parking lot and more specific funding needs for the other three projects.

In Christ's Name,

Brad Lauderdale, Sr. Warden & Gordon Stillings, Jr. Warden



Vestry Highlights— June 2026
Did not Meet in July



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 – August 29, 2026

Register online at stthomaswi.com or in-person with the office

Payment Options

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

Questions? Please call 920-725-5601



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. If you have questions please call, Bev Johnston (920)729-6320.

Lay Ministries for August**Eucharistic Ministers**

- Aug 2** Sandie Umland/ Dan Werbeckes
Aug 9 Carol Hert/ Bill Barry
Aug 16 Val Phillip
Aug 23 Dave Morton
Aug 30 Claire Kopczynski/ Anne Peterson

Lectors for 8:00am

- Aug 2** Jeff Hill
Aug 9 Tim Skowronski
Aug 16 Larry Langohr
Aug 23 Jeff Hill
Aug 30 Tim Skowronski

Readers for 10:00am

- Aug 2** Gordon Stillings
Aug 9 Genevieve Pell
Aug 16 Pete Zaborski
Aug 23 Dave Morton
Aug 30 Art Freiberg

Ushers (Greeters and Ushers)

- Aug 2** Bill and Barb Barry
Aug 9 Scott and Genevieve Pell
Aug 16 Pete and Jessica Zaborski
Aug 23 Dan and Jeanna Werbeckes
Aug 30 Keith Umland and Jon Phillip

Prayer Ministers

- Aug 2** Val Phillip/ Fr. John Peterson
Aug 9 Anne Peterson/ Fr. John Peterson
Aug 16 Kathy and Fr. John Peterson
Aug 23 Jill Beverlin/ Fr. John Peterson
Aug 30 Jill Beverlin/ Fr. John Peterson

Altar Guild

- Aug 2** Barb Barry, Peggy Langkau,
Nancy Dombeck
Aug 9 Joanne Siracusa, Sherry Morton,
Kathy Peterson
Aug 16 Jennie Land, Linda Smith,
Karen Powers, Beverly Johnston,
Sandie Umland
Aug 23 Laura Lindstrom, Shari Lloyd
Theresa and Jazmine Cruz Lillegard
Aug 30 Jennie Land, Linda Smith,
Karen Powers, Beverly Johnston,
Sandie Umland

Acolytes

- Aug 2** No Acolyte on Schedule
Aug 12 Mary Danner and Wade Lindholm
Aug 19 Julie Spanbauer
Aug 26 Shari Lloyd and Hazel Zaborski
Aug 30 Wade Lindholm and E& E Kopczynski

Vestry Announcement Reading 8am/ 10am

- Aug 2** Martina Mims/ Not Assigned
Aug 9 Martina Mims/ Not Assigned
Aug 16 Martina Mims/ Not Assigned
Aug 23 Martina Mims/ Not Assigned
Aug 30 Martina Mims/ Not Assigned

Preaching for August

- Aug 2** Mexico Students
Aug 9 Deacon Lisa Ueda
Aug 16 Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
Aug 23 Fr. Aran Walter
Aug 30 Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard